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TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Time—Tuesday before the second Sunday in October, 1908, at 8 o'clock p. m.
Place—Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga.

MINUTES

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OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South convened in the Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, N. C., on Tuesday, July 10, 1906, at 3 p. m., and began the exercises of its tenth regular session.

The altar service was conducted by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., after which the Synodical Sermon was preached by Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., retiring President, from Luke 9 : 51.

The holy communion was then administered to the members of Synod. Confessional and Communion service conducted by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

The Synod was then formally opened, and the delegates were duly enrolled.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. R. C. Holland, D. D., Geo. H. Cox, D. D., C. B. King, D. D., J. E. Shenk, N. D. Bodie, J. H. Wilson, D. D., A. G. Voigt, D. D., W. A. Snyder, and Edw. Fulenwider.

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* Absent.

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, E. L. Wessinger, A. R. Beck, J. C. Moser, D. D., R. A. Yoder, D. D., R. L. Fritz, W. A. Deaton, E. H. Kohn, J. A. Cromer, B. D. Wessinger.

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Lay.—Messrs. J. Frank Clemmer, D. P. Paul, G. M. Beltzhoover,* N. F. Snarr, J. E. Cooper,* and S. T. Shank.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. J. B. Greiner, D. D., L. A. Fox, D. D., J. J. Scherer, D. D., W. R. Brown, and Paul Sieg.

Lay.—Messrs. R. W. Kime,* Dr. E. W. Peery,* J. W. Scott, H. L. Bonham, and S. Sidney Cassell.

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

Clerical.—Rev. J. L. Derrick.

Lay.—Mr. R. J. Beaver.*

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., T. W. Shealy, and M. J. Epting.

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* Absent.

Lay.—Messrs. Chas. H. Stieglitz,* Capt. Jacob Paulsen,* and J. M. Gnann.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., and H. E. H. Sloop.

Lay.—Messrs. J. M. Lichtenwanger and J. M. Kinzer.

The President read his report, which was received and held for reference to the proper committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren in Christ:—Through the mercy of our kind Heavenly Father, we have been permitted to meet here today in the tenth convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, to confer with each other concerning the work in which we are engaged in the Master's kingdom. "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

It is a matter of profound gratitude to note the progress that our Southern Lutheran Church has made in the past few years. Since my first meeting with the United Synod in Winston-Salem, May, 1900, the Century Memorial Endowment has been inaugurated and pushed to completion and $30,000 raised and the Seminary property vastly improved and enhanced in value. Within these six years, the Orphans' Home has become the property of the United Synod and the debt on the property of about $16,000 has been nearly raised and quite recently a bequest of $10,000 for support of the Home has been received.

Within the same period, the Woman's Forward Movement and the Mission League have done much to relieve the condition of the Treasury of the Board of Missions and enabled the Board to send other helpers to Japan and to build a splendid church in Atlanta and to do much at other points at home.

Within the same six years, Roanoke, Newberry, Lenoir and Elizabeth colleges have all added new buildings, increased the endowments, and greatly increased the attendance.

Within this period, *The Lutheran Visitor* and *Our Church Paper* have been merged into *The Lutheran Church Visitor*, the official organ of the United Synod and the publication interests of the Southern Church much improved.

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*Absent.

Within this period, the lack of confidence and the feeling of uncertainty and apprehension as to what question might at any moment be precipitated upon the Synod and cause its disruption and the suspicion of sinister motives in others, have largely given way to confidence and frankness and mutual forbearance.

At Winston-Salem the Synod took a very decided forward movement. At Charleston that movement was accelerated and at New Market we launched out into the deep, and the large undertakings inaugurated at New Market have nearly all been consummated. While we have moved forward, yet much lies before us. But with these recent achievements behind us we can, with Paul, thank God and take courage.

While the Century Endowment has been raised, our Theological Seminary needs yet very much to place it in the position it should occupy in the development of the Southern Lutheran Church. It needs more funds, more teachers, more students. It needs many more devoted supporters in all our Southern Synods. The Theological Seminary should receive considerable attention at this meeting. Other interests should not overshadow this one, vital to our continued progress.

A GIFT OF $10,000.

It is with peculiar pleasure that I announce officially to the United Synod that a bequest of $10,000 has been made to the United Synod and that the Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Duls, has received a check for that amount from the executrix of Mr. F. P. Cover. Nine thousand dollars of this amount is to be held in trust for the Orphans' Home, and the interest to be used in support of the institution.

While the Board of Missions has been vastly helped by the efforts of the women of our Southern Church and by the League, and much has been accomplished at home and in Japan, yet the message from our Japan Conference to the United Synod shows us very much that we ought to do at once in Japan. A good Lutheran school should be established in Japan. Our missionaries there in the field who know the conditions and needs say there is but one course left for us, and that is to shoulder the responsibility that God has placed upon us, and establish a school. Are we ready to meet these responsibilities? To "set our faces steadfastly" toward our duty there? That matter should receive serious consideration.

And while the Board has been active along the line of Home Missions, we are yet far from occupying the field. This Southland, with its amazing prosperity, opening up to immigration, is a vast field and growing larger and more urgent day by day.

COLLEGES NEED BETTER SUPPORT.

While the colleges have been doing a great work and adding to their buildings and endowments, and have enjoyed increased patronage, yet they need more friends and supporters and means to enable them to compete successfully with the better equipped State school. Positive Lutheran colleges must be maintained and our Lutheran people who have the means must support and endow them, if we are to maintain our Lutheranism in the South.

While the Church papers have been merged into one and that one has been made the official organ of the United Synod, *The Lutheran Church Visitor* has not received the support it needs and must have in order to maintain its character and usefulness to the Church. This matter should receive very earnest consideration. And while it is true that much of the former want of confidence, uncertainty, and suspicion has given way to a broader and more generous feeling of brotherhood, it is yet true that some prejudice and a feeling of apprehension exists between the different Synods. This remnant of former unpleasant conditions will gradually and finally disappear as we all come to appreciate more and more our Confessions and conform more strictly to their teaching in doctrine and practice and as we labor and pray for a broader faith and deeper love, "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God." This is the great ideal toward which the Christian Church should aim.

I herewith submit to you all letters and papers of an official character for your consideration and disposition.

And again I desire to express to you my thanks for the honor conferred upon me at Charleston four years ago, repeated at New Market two years ago, in calling me to preside over this body, and for the uniform courtesy extended to me at all times by every member of this body. And may we all, "speaking the truth in love, grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

Fraternally,

R. A. YODER.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., President.
Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., Vice-President.
Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., Secretary.
Hon. C. H. Duls, Treasurer.

The hours of daily sessions were fixed from 9 to 12 a. m., and from 3 to 5 p. m., with evening services at 8:30 p. m.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. E. Shenk.

At 8:30 p. m., address by Rev. Henry Eyster Jacobs, D. D., LL. D., of Philadelphia. Subject—"The Claim Upon the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Behalf of the World's Evangelization."

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 1906, 9 A. M.

Synod was opened with devotional services, led by Rev. W. H. Riser.

Roll was called, and minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

The Rules of Order were read by the Secretary.

OFFICIAL VISITOR.

The credentials of the Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., LL. D., official visitor from the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, were read, and Dr. Jacobs was, on motion, received. Thursday at 8:30 p. m. was fixed as the time to hear the greetings of representatives of other ecclesiastical bodies.

Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., field agent of the American Bible Society, was recognized, and will, at such time as Synod may designate, address this body on the subject of Bible distribution.

On motion, the visiting ministers of our church present were received, and the names ordered printed in our Minutes.

The following standing committees were appointed :

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. J. B. Greiner, D. D., J. E. Shenk, J. L. Derrick, G. S. Bowers, and Messrs. Elon O. Henkel and J. M. Gnann.

2. *On Minutes of Last Synod.*—Revs. M. O. J. Kreps, E. L. Wessinger, W. R. Brown, and Messrs. J. C. Seegers and N. F. Snarr.

3. *On District Synods.*—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., J. A. Morehead, D. D., A. R. Beck, and Dr. J. W. Eargle.

4. *On Devotional Exercises.*—The pastor loci and the officers of Synod.

5. *On Theological Seminary.*—Revs. L. A. Fox, D. D., J. H. Wilson, D. D., J. A. Cromer, and Messrs. A. D. Wessell and J. F. Clemmer.

6. *On Literary Institutions.*—Revs. Dr. M. M. Kinard, E. H. Kohn, Dr. M. G. G. Scherer, W. J. Smith, and R. W. Kime, Esq.

7. *On Missions.*—Revs. L. L. Smith, D. D., George H. Cox, D. D., J. C. Moser, D. D., J. A. B. Scherer, LL. D., J. J. Scherer, D. D., and Messrs. J. F. Ficken and George B. Cromer.

8. *To Audit Treasurer's Report.*—Messrs. R. F. Bryant, S. Sidney Cassell, and J. M. Rhodes.

9. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. C. A. Marks, N. D. Bodie, O. B. Shearouse, Paul Sieg.

10. *On Church Literature.*—Revs. R. A. Yoder, D. D., C. B. King, D. D., W. H. Greever, J. P. Stirewalt, and Mr. A. G. Wise.

11. *To Nominate Visitors to Other Bodies.*—Revs. C. A. Freed, B. D. Wessinger, and Mr. J. W. Jenny.

The Report of the Board of Missions was now read, and referred to the proper committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH, JULY, 1904, TO JULY, 1906.

The Board as constituted by the United Synod in its Ninth Convention, held at New Market, July 27–31, 1904, was composed as follows: Rev. Messrs. R. C. Holland, W. L. Seabrook, L. G. M. Miller, H. E. H. Sloop, W. C. Schaeffer, S. D. Steffey, W. A. Deaton, and Mr. J. E. Cooper, representing the eight synods embraced in the United Synod.

The first meeting of the Board was held in New Market, July 30, 1904, and was partially organized by the election of Rev. R. C. Holland as president, and Rev. W. L. Seabrook as secretary. Mr. J. W. Eberly, the former treasurer, was requested to act in that capacity until his successor should be duly elected. During the biennium the Board has held four meetings, and the Executive Committee, composed of the officers of the Board, together with Rev. W. A. Deaton and Mr. J. E. Cooper, has held three meetings.

At a meeting of the Board, held in Charlotte, N. C., August 31, 1904, Mr. John A. Cline, of Concord, N. C., was elected treasurer, and made an advisory member of the Executive Committee. At a subsequent date the name of Rev. O. C. Petersen, as the elected representative of the Holston Synod, was substituted for that of Rev. S. D. Steffey on the Board.

The biennium now closing has been singularly free from any interference in the work of missions at home and in Japan by reason of sickness among our working forces, and has been characterized by faithful and diligent service by the appointees of the Board.

The biennium has also been marked by unusual activity in several of our synods in the prosecution of Synodical Home Missions. Our college work has aroused a commendable interest among our people. The agency in behalf of the Orphan Home has met with responsive loyalty on the part of the churches. The zeal and church devotion which resulted in the consolidation of our church papers, and which have conspired toward placing our publication interests upon a sounder basis, have met with commendable response in all our synods. The women of the church have added their zeal in earnest appeals in behalf of the $20,000 Woman's Forward Movement, and have created quite an interest in its behalf. All of these movements have a bearing more or less upon the general work of missions under the direction of the Board of Missions; and while it is possible that the United Synod Home Missions may have felt the pressure to a limited extent, the foreign work has largely gained upon the interest and devotion of the

churches, and we believe the church may be relied upon to meet the increasing demands that are made in behalf of the cause in Japan.

THE FINANCIAL PROBLEM.

Past experience was a warning against a too implicit reliance upon realizing the full apportionment for either Home or Foreign Missions. The going into debt or the curtailment of the work should be equally avoided. The conditions confronting the church seemed to call for certain special agencies to secure the funds needed. One of these agencies developed in the form of

THE LUTHERAN MISSION LEAGUE OF THE SOUTH.

This movement was projected, under the sanction of the Board of Missions, Holy Week, 1905, the idea originating in a proposition from among the laity to give a definite sum annually provided a certain number would do likewise. In response to this progressive spirit so worthy to be fostered, this Mission League was devised and matured. Membership consists in a pledge to pay annually to the Board of Missions for either Home or Foreign Missions, or both, a sum of not less than from five to twenty-five dollars, payable on the 31st of October of each year.

The paramount reason for special form of mission activity was the absolute necessity of providing income additional to the customary returns from the churches on apportionments, in order to meet the obligations of the United Synod both as to the Japan mission and the home field.

It is a matter of congratulation and joy that there have been found in our churches so many who thus rallied to the support of the Board as annual patrons of the missionary cause, and that the enrollment in the League has reached to the number of 434, the annual pledges amounting to $2683.

This League has aided largely towards substantial relief of the situation, especially in our relation to the Japan work, enabling the church to send out Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, our new missionary, to meet the increasing expenses of the mission, and also to return Rev. C. L. Brown on furlough, without special call upon the churches.

The agency and success of Bro. Stirewalt during the summer of 1905 in enrolling members in this League, especially among the churches of the Tennessee Synod, calls for grateful recognition, and the successful issue is due in no small measure to his faithful service and consecrated zeal.

It is the earnest desire and cherished hope of the Board to maintain the League membership at a minimum of five hundred, and to have a

representation from every congregation in the United Synod. To this end we ask the United Synod to give its hearty endorsement to this measure as a valuable supplement to methods already authorized.

THE WOMAN'S FORWARD MOVEMENT.

This movement, sometimes designated as the "Woman's $20,000 Movement," originated among the women of the South, independent of any action of the Board of Missions. Having been heartily endorsed by the United Synod at its convention in New Market, the Board has pledged its co-operation. The purpose of the women is to continue their efforts in this direction until the $20,000 has been raised—a purpose truly commendable. The fund thus raised is devoted to missions exclusively.

The amount raised through this movement now aggregates $———* Of this amount $3865.36 is now in the hands of the treasurer of the Board of Missions, and held by him for the contemplated school building to be erected in Japan—a work declared to be absolutely essential to the welfare of the mission. The residue of the fund has been devoted to local Synodical Missions.

These funds are expressly declared to be independent of apportionment by either the United Synod or District Synod, and are supposed to represent mission contributions over and above the usual synodical appropriations.

MISSIONARY SUPERINTENDENT.

The recommendation of the United Synod at its last convention that the Board elect a missionary superintendent to devote his whole time to the work of the Board, was duly considered and acted upon. The President of the Board was elected to this office at a full meeting of the Board, Sept. 28, 1905. On the 19th of October, Dr. Holland informed the Secretary of the Board of his acceptance of the office, provided the Board would consent to his remaining as pastor of St. Mark's, Charlotte, N. C., devoting as much time as possible to the claims of the office, the compensation covering the expenses incurred in procuring an assistant pastor and those necessarily incident to resignation of certain other work he had assumed. These expenses were fixed at $800.

Inasmuch as such arrangement promised as much liberty of movement as the exigencies of the work seemed to require, the Board acquiesced in the proposition thus made, and the proposed assistant pastor having been procured to enter upon duty Nov. 1, 1905, the office of Missionary Superintendent took effect at that date.

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* Figures not in hand.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

GIFT OF DR. AND MRS. G. D. BERNHEIM.

On the first day of April, 1906, the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod came into possession of $1,000, one-half of proposed gift of $2,000 from Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Bernheim (articles of transfer being duly executed) to said Board, to be the property of the Board *in perpetuo*, the only condition annexed being that interest on the same at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum be paid to the donors or either of them so long as they or either of them may live.

The Board has accepted this gift and trust, pledging to pay said interest on the first day of April of each year according to the terms of the grant.

It is the opinion of the Board that this $2,000 be set apart as the beginning of a Church Extension Fund, and at the proper place we make recommendation accordingly.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

These societies represent no little of the heart of the missionary cause in the South. They represent no small part of the practical missionary force in our churches. While they are called upon to aid largely in local synodical work, they still show commendable loyalty to the general missionary cause. The salary of one of our foreign missionaries is paid by them, and half as much is paid directly into the Home Mission treasury of the Board. Certain local Societies and Mission Bands are supporting native workers in Japan, and the Woman's Synodical Society of South Carolina has assumed to support the Kindergarten Mission in Saga. Over and above these contributions, the women of our Southern church have, through the Forward Movement, placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board during the last two years the sum of $3,865.36 in behalf of the educational department of the Japan Mission. It seems to be their fixed and laudable purpose to add to this from year to year till they have reached the $10,000 contemplated for this object.

These noble workers deserve honorable mention at our hands, and we recognize the substantial help extended.

Yet we are convinced that they have suffered under the apprehension that their efforts do not always issue in the progress the amounts raised by them should indicate. They would work with lighter hearts if they knew that all their contributions were separated entirely from mission apportionments. To realize that their efforts to advance the cause is counterbalanced by being counted toward meeting the meager congregational or synodical apportionment, is operating a damper

upon their ardor. Not only so, but to count their offerings to the credit of a congregation in the way of meeting apportionment fosters a non-progressive development of the missionary spirit in the congregation itself. The high ideal of women's missionary work in the form assumed will not be attained until it represents progress, and is entirely emancipated from the danger of being subsidized to meet congregational delinquency. The time is at hand when the churches can not but see the unwisdom of perpetuating a method, legitimate possibly in the beginning twenty years ago, but having become a usage, operates a paralysis upon the congregation, and also a limitation upon the zeal of the women whose missionary spirit is content only with advancement.

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MISSION WORK OF THE UNITED SYNOD.

The former Board of Missions has rendered valuable service to the church in framing rules for the government of our Foreign work—the same being adopted with a few modifications by the United Synod. We deem it proper to present the same here in full, and also certain rules for the regulation of our Home Mission work, and also certain church Extension Rules, the last named being the same as presented two years ago, several amendments, however, being suggested as noted.

GENERAL RULES FOR THE JAPANESE MISSION OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

1.—NAME.

The Japanese Mission of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

2.—AIM.

As the supreme end of missionary life and service is the preaching of Christ and Him crucified to heathen peoples, all forms of work in the Mission must be subordinated to this end. The missionaries are charged to bear the Gospel faithfully to the communities in which they are located and to seek the establishment of self-supporting, self-governing Evangelical Lutheran churches under the care of a native ministry. The missionaries must constantly encourage the native Christians in the matter of the religious education of their children, the support of their native preachers and teachers, the defraying of the current expenses of their churches and the relief of their needy brethren.

3.—THE MISSIONARIES.

The United Synod through its Board of Missions calls the mission-

aries, assigns their fields of labor, and prescribes their duties. The missionaries are required to be sound in body, of deep piety, liberal culture and of sympathetic and consecrated spirit. They shall pledge themselves to live according to the precepts of the Gospel and to teach in accordance with the doctrinal basis of the United Synod ; to be subject to the instructions of the Board in their respective fields of service ; to live and labor in fraternal relations to each other and to refrain from conduct which will awaken undue prejudice or interfere with their usefulness in the communities in which they minister.

In selecting missionaries the Board understands that candidates pledge themselves to continue the work through life, except for weighty reasons. If the missionary should prove untrue to the doctrinal basis aforesaid or defective in moral character, or disobedient to instructions, or for other reasons prove unqualified for the pursuance of his work, the Board possesses the inherent right to dissolve the connection. In the event the missionary withdraws from service for reasons considered sufficient by the Board, it will defray the expenses of his return to this country, provided the return is promptly made.

The whole time and strength of the missionaries shall be given to the work of the Mission. Additional work of an industrial, mercantile or literary character must not be undertaken without the permission of the Board.

RECALLS.

If the missionary should prove physically disqualified for the work or cannot work harmoniously with his associates, or should it appear that his usefulness on the field is open to serious question for other reasons, the Board possesses the inherent right to dissolve the connection by recall. In this event, the Board will pay the expenses of the missionary's return by the most direct route to that section of this country from which the missionary came, provided such return is promptly made, and will also pay furlough salary without other allowances for three months from the date of the issuance of the recall.

DISMISSALS.

If the missionary should prove untrue to the doctrinal basis aforesaid, or defective in moral character, or disobedient to plain instructions, the Board possesses the inherent right to dismiss him from its service. In this event, the Board may pay the expenses of the missionary's return by the most direct route to that section of this country from which the missionary came, provided such return is promptly made ; but all salaries and allowances will cease from the date of dismissal.

RESIGNATIONS.

The Board will pay the return expenses of missionaries who resign on the field for reasons satisfactory to the Board, and will also pay furlough salary for three months from the date of such resignation. Should the missionary resign for reasons not satisfactory to the Board, it will pay the return expenses on same conditions as in dismissal, and salary and allowances will also cease from date of resignation. The salary of missionaries who resign while on furlough will cease from the date of such resignation, unless it can be clearly shown to the Board that such resignation grew out of contingencies which the missionary had not aforeseen and could not control. In this event the Board may, at its pleasure, continue the furlough salary for any period not longer than three months from the date of such resignation.

PROPERTY.

No property is to be purchased or sold nor any building erected for the Board without its sanction. All property given or purchased for the use of the Board shall be at once transferred thereto by title deeds which shall be duly recorded in accordance with the laws governing property in the mission territory. If the law will not allow such tenure, the property shall be held in the corporate name of the Board. If recorded in the name of individuals the record should explicitly show that the individuals are trustees for the Board. Copies of all conveyances with diagrams of land and buildings thereon are to be sent to the Board. No repairs to property involving considerable sums are to be made without the consent of the Board.

TAXES AND INSURANCE.

1. All buildings owned by the Board shall be insured, when it can be done at a reasonable rate in safe companies.

2. The Board will pay taxes and insurance on its own property while occupied by missionaries or on the property rented for its use, if that is customary ; and will make such repairs to rented property as renters generally make ; but will expect owners of rented property to make such repairs as are generally made by owners.

EXTENSION OF WORK.

Extension of work requiring expenditures for property or the opening up of new centres for missionary operation should have the authorization of the Board. Written application with the concurrence and recommendation of all the missionaries should be forwarded to the Board for its action.

REPORTS.

It shall be the duty of the missionaries to make to the Board a quarterly report on uniform blanks. The report shall cover the special work and station of the reporting missionary.

MISSIONARY EXPENSES AND SALARY.

1. The necessary and economical expenses of direct journey to their fields shall be paid by the treasurer of the Board. Any additional cost of longer or more expensive routes or of intentional delay on the way, must be borne by the missionary.

2. Each missionary shall receive $100 as outfit on first going to the mission.

3. Each unmarried missionary shall receive an annual salary according to the following schedule: First three years, $800; next five, $900; and afterwards to the end of service, $1,200. Each married missionary shall receive an annual salary according to this scale: First five years, $1,200; second five years, $1,300; and afterwards to the end of service, $1,400. The full salary shall commence on the day of the missionary's arriving on the field and cease on the day he leaves the field. The Board, at its discretion, may in case of emergency, increase their salaries during such emergency.

4. Missionaries are not permitted to receive for themselves compensation for services rendered to others. Any compensation or reward received for such services shall be paid into the Mission treasury, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Moneys given or sent to any missionary for the use of the Mission must be entered in the Mission accounts.

5. The salary above stated is designed to cover all expenses of the missionary and family except these special allowances:

(a) A dwelling for the missionary and family, with heavy furniture.

(b) The sum of $75 yearly for teacher's allowance, and $25 for health allowance while on the field.

(c) Actual traveling expenses whilst in the service in the field or whilst visiting the churches under the direction of the Board, on furlough.

(d) Official postage.

VACATION AND FURLOUGH.

1. If the condition of the work will permit, each missionary is entitled to a vacation during the warm period of each year for six weeks on full salary.

2. If the condition of the work will permit, each missionary is entitled to return home after the first eight years of service. The ex-

penses of the direct voyage shall be paid by the mission treasurer. The length of the furlough shall be determined by the Board with regard to the physical condition of the missionary and the needs of the work, and ordinarily, the furlough to extend not more than one year. During such furlough the missionary shall be entitled to receive three-fourths of his regular salary. The furlough salary shall begin on the day of the missionary's arrival in the home-land from the field and shall end on the day of his departure to return. No allowance for house rent shall be made, except at the discretion of the Board.

3. Missionaries are expected whilst on furlough to avail themselves of all reasonable opportunities under the direction of the Board to increase the zeal and interest of individuals and organizations in their mission work. Such service must not interfere, however, with due care of health and with their recuperation for their return to the field.

MISSION TREASURER.

The Mission shall elect one of its members treasurer, the election to be reported to the Board and subject to its approval. It shall be his duty to preserve all deeds for Mission property and all other papers connected with the work; to keep in an official book clear and accurate accounts of all receipts and payments with vouchers therefor, and to disburse the funds transmitted to him by the Board. He shall deposit these funds in an approved banking place and render a monthly statement of all financial transactions.

RULES FOR HOME MISSION WORK.

SALARY FUND.

1. The object of the Board of Missions is to aid only such church and mission fields as are unable to support a pastor. Aid granted to any church will be withdrawn, if it becomes known to the Board that it is able to support its pastor without assistance.

2. Aid will be given only to churches in regular and full connection with a District Synod of the United Synod.

3. *Any congregation receiving aid from this Board, and afterward severing its connection with the United Synod, will be required to refund the full amount received from the Board.*

4. Appropriations will be limited to the lowest amount necessary to supplement the salary which the mission itself is able to pay.

5. Appropriations will not be made for more than *one year* at a time. If further aid is needed at the expiration of this period, a new application is required, and should always be asked for when the October report is sent in.

6. Applications must be made by the Church Council, by authority of the congregation ; or if no organization exists, by some one chosen by those purposing to form an organization.

7. Churches receiving aid are required to pay their pastor's salary in the manner stipulated promptly, and in case they fail to do so the Board may withhold its appropriation.

8. *Aid will not be extended to any Church longer than five years, unless for very special reasons, which will, in the judgment of the Board, justify its longer continuance; and, in all such cases, the appropriation will be less than previously given, and will be reduced annually thereafter.*

9. The Board will in no case commission a missionary who is not a regularly ordained Lutheran minister, in good and regular standing in a District Synod of the United Synod, and who has not been regularly elected.

10. In case any mission becomes vacant, the fact should be at once reported to the Board, and no steps must be taken toward the choice and election of a pastor without first corresponding with the Board and obtaining their full consent.

11. Every mission receiving aid from this Board is expected to make regular annual contributions to Home Missions, and, also, to each of the other benevolent operations of the United Synod ; and the Board will regard the failure to do this, without satisfactory reasons, a sufficient cause for withdrawing aid.

12. Monthly reports, in form prescribed by Board on blank provided, shall be rendered to the President of the Board.

RULES GOVERNING CHURCH EXTENSION WORK.

LOAN AND DONATION FUND.

1. The fund known as Church Extension Fund is used for loans or donations in aid of church buildings. This Fund is constituted of such receipts by gifts, legacies, or congregational offerings, as are designated for Church Extension. The Board of Missions and Church Extension may, in its discretion, in meritorious cases, make temporary transfers in aid of this fund from the general treasury of Home Missions.

2. All churches asking aid from the Board must first submit their plans, specifications, and bids to said Board, before any action can be taken on their applications. Their plans must first be approved by the Board.

3. Only organized congregations connected with some District Synod in the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South shall obtain loans from this Fund.

4. The amount of a loan to a congregation shall be much less than the amount raised by the congregation itself, unless in extreme cases, of which the Board shall be the judge.

5. No loan shall be made for a period longer than 10 years, nor for a larger amount than $3,000, and only in extreme cases shall the loan be increased.

6. Loans may be made to bear interest at such a rate and from such a time, as the Board may determine ; and shall be secured by the best and safest lien, or other approved security.

7. The principal of the Loan Fund shall in no case be reduced by making donations therefrom.

8. The Board requires congregations who have loans, to keep up insurance on their church buildings and transfer their policies to the Board as collateral security.

9. Contributions to the general cause, or donations to special churches shall not be acknowledged as payment on loans.

10. No donations shall exceed $——.

11. No donations shall be given to congregations for repairing or enlarging church buildings.

12. No donations shall be made to a church costing over $——.

13. No donations shall be made to churches in old settled communities, nor for liquidating church debts, except in extraordinary cases of which the Board shall be the judge.

14. In extreme cases, donations may be made to churches, in addition to loans, when loans are inadequate, but of such cases, the Board must judge.

15. Donations shall be secured to the Board by a conditional mortgage to secure such donations against loss in case of dismemberment of a congregation receiving such aid, or of dissolution of its connection with the United Synod of the Lutheran Church in the South.

16. Congregations applying for aid must be organized, and capable in law to hold property and give security.

17. Congregations receiving donations must have sufficient insurance on their buildings to secure them against loss by fire.

HOME MISSIONS.

The work of Home Missions during the past two years has run along in the former channel. The emphasis has been largely upon the Atlanta church, and special concentration there seemed to be demanded by the importance of the location and merits of the case as well as by the action of the United Synod at its last convention. No new work has been undertaken. The Board has given courteous recognition to the appeal from Spartanburg, S. C., and has pledged

help in the way of loan and donation from the Church Extension Fund. Birmingham, Alabama, has been partially canvassed to ascertain the conditions there calling for our consideration. The results have not been such as to justify any assumption on our part of mission work there. The cost would be unusually great, and far beyond the real merits of the case thus far developed. This is a great and growing city, and claims watchful attitude on the part of the Lutheran church.

THE HOME MISSION INCOME.

The apportionment indicated by the United Synod as the approximate estimate of its obligation toward the home field, namely, twenty-five cents per enrolled communicant member, has not been realized during the last biennium. The Board has therefore been limited in its work. No new field has been taken up, except Spartanburg, S. C., which has been conditionally promised aid to the extent of $1,500 as gift and loan toward the erection of the church building.

One reason of this condition of the Home Mission treasury is that several of the district synods have concentrated their funds largely upon synodical missions. These seem to appeal with peculiar attraction to the prevalent local feeling, and thus we have a partial explanation of the small amount contributed for the more general work. There is no doubt that special local interests appealing through personal canvass to the congregations has tended to condition the financial phase of the home mission problem, and also to make the special days designated by the United Synod largely nugatory. This cannot but be regarded as unfortunate. While the zeal in behalf of synodical home missions is not only praiseworthy, but to be fostered rather than otherwise, at the same time a remedy should be applied to remove as far as possible any conflict between local and general interests. What is the remedy? It seems to be in the general and faithful observance of the one Home Mission festival, the standing appointment of the United Synod for Home Missions, and for each pastor and congregation to co-operate with the Board of Missions to make this festival yield the largest possible fruitage. As this is the one and only Home Mission appointment in the whole year, its universal observance is well nigh imperative, not only to raise the needed revenue, but because our federated relation involves sacred claims for mutual co-operation.

If synods and committees and agents would recognize this particular season as already pre-empted, and would studiously avoid conflicting appointments, it would come to pass that within a few years

happy results would be seen to follow, through harmonious co-operation between the Board and the churches.

We therefore recommend that it be declared as the judgment of the United Synod that this Home Mission festival be conscientiously recognized, and be given such priority on all the congregations and Sunday-schools composing this body, as that its observance become a fixed and universal custom.

Inasmuch as at all times there are vacant pastorates, and other congregations that do fail to take this subject seriously to heart, whereby certainty as to the financial results from a more or less general observance of this day cannot be relied upon, the Board must count upon the special co-operation of the Woman's Societies and the more liberal churches as well as individuals, or there shall appear annually an unwelcome deficit, and our claim to cultivate our legitimate territory and fulfil the great mission assumed, be adjudged as vain and preposterous.

THE WIDENING HOME FIELD.

The evident and marvelous development in the South along the multiplied avenues of material wealth, the tides of immigration flowing in from all quarters, the phenomenal growth of our towns and cities, together with the superior attraction of the climate of these Southern States, marks our field of operations as unequaled anywhere in its claim for home mission propaganda. We are living in an era of rapid advance, and great undertakings, and it behooves us as a church to be awake to the signs of the times. And yet we dare not ignore the fact that our resources, as a United Synod of the South, are not commensurate with the demands for home mission operations in the great territory supposed to be embraced within our ecclesiastical borders. We must meet in some way the question of our responsibility as a general body. It is clearly our duty to raise the apportionment of $10,000, or twenty-five cents per member for the general fund. This is within our reach, and this body should utter no uncertain sound on that point.

Yet even when that point is attained, what about that southwestern territory embracing the great States of Alabama and Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas? Here it seems is a field for united work, if the three general bodies, the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod could enter into federal relation and co-operate in developing this territory in the interests of the Lutheran church, and place in the field one or more traveling missionaries under the direction of a joint commission.

The Board submits this proposition of federated co-operation upon

the territory named for the consideration of the United Synod, with the recommendation that a committee be appointed to confer with the proper authorities with a view to agreement upon a plan, if found feasible, for developing and cultivating the Lutheran interests in said territory.

RICHMOND.

This church is entirely self-sustaining, and the work is in good shape. Pastor and people have been in harmonious co-operation. The property has enhanced in value, and the offer of $25,000 was declined. It seems that the purpose of the congregation is to retain the present site, and gradually accumulate funds sufficient to build a handsome church at a suitable time. The present building has been put in most excellent condition, and the congregation has in hand $4,600 toward the future church. There is an enrolled membership of 369. The church south and the Virginia Synod especially are to be congratulated upon this final outcome of their persevering efforts. We extend to pastor and people our hearty good will.

NORFOLK.

The First Lutheran church of Norfolk was re-dedicated June 24, 1906, the debt thereon having been fully discharged. This is a happy consummation. We all rejoice with pastor and people. A parsonage adjoining the church has been purchased at a cost of $4,000. The congregation has done wisely in securing this property, and feels able to handle successfully the indebtedness involved in the purchase. We announce with no little satisfaction that on January 1, 1907, this church assumes self-support. This message comes through Pastor Riser: "We are gratified for the very deep interest the Board of Missions has always manifested in the church at Norfolk; and in appreciation of that interest and the material support given us through all the years of the life of this church, and recognizing the Board's need of money, and the many calls that are constantly coming to you for help, we have fully decided to become self-sustaining after this year. This decision we would be pleased to have the Board convey to the brethren of the United Synod at its next convention."

This congregation now numbers 150 communicants, and owns property valued at $14,000.

RADFORD AND PULASKI.

This mission pastorate has been served up to February 1, 1906, by Rev. D. S. Fox. Since that date it has been vacant. There has been no perceptible progress in these two congregations during this biennium. The combined membership is 92. The financial ability as to

salary is $400. The Board has been aiding to the extent of $250 per annum. Pulaski has a church home. Radford has bought a lot for $320 and has $700 in bank reserved for the proposed church building. Radford seems in a state of doubt. There is an ominous pause. Sufficient funds for the proposed church cannot be reckoned upon with any reasonable probability. There is an east and also a west end to the congregation.

Pulaski is more hopeful. A pastor, strong and aggressive, is needed for this charge. It is due to the cause that a vigorous effort be made to hold these points, and be in readiness to respond to the possible opportunities that may come during another biennium. There must be, in the near future, encouraging indications of material progress in manifold industrial lines, and it is hoped that the original purpose in planting these churches may yet be fulfilled.

GRAHAM AND BLUEFIELD.

Under the efficient pastoral supervision of Rev. C. W. Cassell, this congregation at Graham, with an enrollment of 78 members, finished and dedicated their house of worship, January 20, 1904, under the name of Wartburg Evangelical Lutheran church. The resignation of Rev. Cassell, taking effect March 1, 1905, was followed by a nine months' vacancy, with occasional supply from neighboring pastors, especially Rev. H. E. Bailey. The congregation has held together, keeping up the Sunday-school work with commendable faithfulness. The lack of truly sympathetic co-operation on the part of the Bluefield congregation has worked somewhat to the isolation and continual vacancy at Graham, making it necessary that Graham, in order to maintain regular services, seek such supplies as were most available.

As a charge Bluefield and Graham have been without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. Cassell, March 1, 1905.

We regret to say that peculiar difficulties have prevented the Board from co-operating successfully with these congregations in procuring a pastor, and therefore no appropriation has been made since March, 1905, though an appropriation of $300 per annum was authorized by the Board should a pastor suitable for the work be obtained.

It is greatly to be regretted that the work at this point should remain in abeyance so long. The field is a peculiar one, demanding a pastoral service not easily to be commanded. We hope for better things under new conditions which may appear at no distant time. The indications are that at an early date the city of Bluefield will become a most influential center of population and commercial activity; and missionary effort in this direction should receive the active support of the churches of the United Synod.

BRISTOL MISSION.

This important mission, bordering the territory of the Southwest Virginia Synod and the Holston Synod, has been supported by the United Synod to the extent of $250 annually in the way of supplementing the pastor's salary. This church is connected in a pastorate with Buehler's church, 3½ miles south of Bristol. The pastorate stands pledged for $300 per annum. Membership reported, 55.

Rev. Paul Sieg resigned this work, December 1, 1905. Since that time it has been vacant, though continuous efforts have been made to secure a pastor. We are glad to report that the services of Rev. K. Y. Umberger have been secured, and that he will enter upon the work August 1, 1906.

The church building has cost $7,000. The auditorium is not yet ready for occupancy. The lecture room, with a seating capacity of 160, has been finished and furnished, and is used for all church purposes.

The debt of $4,000 resting upon the church is listed as follows: $2,500 is a loan from the Church Extension Society of the Southwest Virginia Synod, not due till 1914, and then payable one-tenth annually. The remaining $1,500 is a loan from Mr. Schieren, of New York, payable on demand, but bears no interest. The favorable regard entertained by ex-Mayor Schieren in behalf of this Bristol church has greatly encouraged the friends of the mission, and moreover lays upon us a special obligation to maintain the cause firmly and liberally.

We are informed that harmony prevails among the members and that the outlook is most hopeful, and that the new pastor will enter upon the work under circumstances quite promising. The entire church cannot but look with interest upon the development of the Bristol mission.

MISSISSIPPI MISSION.

The Synod of Mississippi numbers 700 communicants, 13 churches, and 5 pastors. These churches are near the center of the State, and are distributed into three divisions corresponding to points of an equilateral triangle whose sides are 75 miles in length.

Hitherto the aid extended by the Board has been devoted to the western angle centering at Goodman on the Chicago and Illinois railway. It has seemed to the Board proper to enter upon a partial change of policy in this field, and devote part of its appropriation in the interest of this field to occasional visits on the part of a representative of the Board, believing thereby to accomplish more satisfactory results to the Synod as a whole, in meeting its special needs. This Synod, remote, isolated, and weak in numbers, seeks our sympathy

and aid, and the United Synod cannot but realize a sacred claim to help this Synod to maintain its footing against adverse conditions.

In July, 1905, this Synod celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its organization in New Hope church. The President of the Board of Missions was present by special invitation. There were three pastors present, two of the charges being vacant. These vacancies have recently been supplied in the persons of Rev. J. L. Buck and Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat.

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWPORT NEWS.

This church numbers 122 communicant members, and enrolls 125 in its Sunday-school. Its contributions to all purposes during the biennium has been $2,467.92, being an average of $1,234 annually. So soon as this church shall have cancelled its debt of $2175, which will in all probability be done in the next two years, it will be in a position to move rapidly toward self-support. This is an important point, and will need aid from the United Synod mission funds for several years yet. Pastor and people have done well.

ATLANTA.

The "Church of the Redeemer," corner Trinity avenue and Capitol Place, finished, with a commodious parsonage adjoining, all costing about $18,000, and valued now at $25,000, is the answer to the persistent effort and resolute purpose to erect a worthy Lutheran church home in this great Southern city. The church building a symmetrical and handsome structure of granite, is an ornament to the city, a credit to the Lutheran church; and a monument to the energy, faith, and zeal of the pastor.

Ground was broken for the church August 29, 1904, and the building was completed July 25, 1905. The first service was held in it August 6, 1905. The membership has reached 127, and the Sunday-school 95. The contributions as presented in the subjoined tabulated statement, are unusually liberal. The growth of the congregation is cheering, and the prospects are growing brighter week by week.

The Synod of Georgia has stood nobly by this work, and the pledge made by the Board of Missions of $5,000 has been more than redeemed, by $700. The debt of $8,500 is carried by the congregation, interest and a portion of the principal being paid annually. This is a heavy burden for the young congregation to carry, but its courage has not failed; and we are informed that if the debt were removed the church would gladly assume self-support.

The result at Atlanta should be a stimulus to larger undertakings in Home Mission work, and a reminder of the willingness and ability of our people under judicious appeals to their church loyalty and liberality.

HOME MISSIONS—TABULATED STATEMENT—JULY, 1904, TO JULY, 1906.

PASTORS.	CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.			Value Church Property.	Amount of Debt.	AVERAGE MONTHLY CONTRBS.				Salary per month paid by Board.
		Communicants.	Infant Membership.	Sunday-Schools.			Toward Pastor's Salary.	Other Local Expenses in Support Church.	Toward Church Debt and Building.	Benevolence.	
Rev. W. H. Riser.	First Church, Norfolk, Va.	150	62	105	$14000	$ 4200	$58 00	$ 20 06	$ 114 00	$ 9 00	$ 20 00
Rev. E. A. Shenk.	Trinity, Newport News, Va	122	75	125	8000	2175	25 00	15 40	54 03	8 40	50 00
Rev. J. L. Derrick.	Goodman Mission, Miss.	75	. .	. .	3000	. . .	14 00	6 00	. . . .	9 00	15 00
Vacant	Bluefield	33	. .	. .	2500	. . .	25 00	. . .	. . . .	. . .	16 66
	Graham	81	. .	60	4000	1200	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	. .	. . . .
Vacant	Radford / Pulaski	92	36	70	6000	. . .	25 00	4 00	20 00	4 50	20 83
Rev K. Y. Umberger	Bristol	55	45	64	9000	4000	25 00	5 50	. . . .	5 00	20 83
Rev. O. C. Petersen	Holy Trinity	21	17	15	2500	500	7 00	2 72	. . . .	3 50	10 00
	Sinking Spring	75	30	40	800	. . .	8 00	50	. . . .	. . .	. . .
	Blue Spray	39	18	. .	900	. . .	6 00	25	. . . .	. .	. . .
Rev. E. C. Cronk.	Atlanta	127	52	95	25000	8500	33 33	41 27	126 87	4 66	50 00

OUR FOREIGN MISSION.

The work in Japan has entered upon its fourteenth year. The report of Rev. C. L. Brown which is made a part of the report of the Board presents a full statement in regard to the work and workers, and to this paper we ask the careful attention of the entire church of the United Synod. Diligent and faithful service amid no little self-denial and trial of patience, has characterized the management of the Mission cause in Japan during this biennium. Constant watchfulness and anxiety, coupled with judicious administration on the part of our missionaries, has marked the progress of the work. With the limitations attaching to the cause, we cannot but be gratified at the results; and our brethren and their helpful wives have laid a most worthy claim upon our gratitude and high regard. The appeals that come to us from Japan should receive, therefore, our most considerate attention. The claims upon the church in behalf of the cause in Japan are of the most sacred character, and our pledges, expressed and implied, should be held inviolable.

THE KATHARINE SCHERER MEMORIAL CHURCH AT KUMAMOTO.

The original fund collected for this purpose by friends four years ago was $605. To this was added at a later date under appeal by Rev. C. L. Brown $283.71, making a total of $888.71. To this amount there was added by the Board of Missions from current fund $411.29, and the amount of $1,300 was forwarded, March, 1905, covering the cost of lot and the Katharine Scherer memorial building.

Under the wise and careful management of Rev. C. L. Brown, a most desirable lot was purchased and a very creditable church was built, and on the 20th of June, 1905, the same was consecrated to the service of God. It was a happy occasion, and marks a very important stage in the development of our mission work in the city of Kumamoto, and in the island Kyushu.

The dimensions of this building are 32 x 45 feet, giving a seating capacity of from 200 to 250.

The little congregation in Kumamoto contributed liberally, according to their ability, toward the furnishings, including a baptismal font as *their* memorial to Mrs. Scherer.

Now that we own a house in Kumamoto as a residence for our missionary located there and a suitable house of worship and also a parsonage the church may congratulate itself that at last a point has been reached in the work in this city of 80,000, justifying the hope that the future will be characterized by substantial progress in the work of establishing our church on a permanent foundation, constituting this

a forceful center of work for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom in that part of the Japanese Empire.

REV. R. B. PEERY, PH. D.

At a meeting of the Board, held in Columbia, Dec. 14, 1904, a call wss extended to Dr. Peery to return to Japan. Dr. Peery was at that time engaged in pastoral work in Philadelphia, and our call came to him somewhat as a surprise. In the correspondence which ensued, there was revealed a growing conviction on his part that duty was pointing toward his return to Japan to take up the work again, and on the 27th day of January, 1905, his letter of acceptance was received.

Terms mutually satisfactory were agreed upon, and Dr. Peery resigned his work in Philadelphia, and was making preparation to set sail for Japan in September.

In the meantime, however, in view of the fact that Mrs. Peery's condition of health became a subject for consideration creating apprehensions as to the propriety of her going out to Japan at this time, the Board, believing that a possible injustice might result to her and Dr. Peery by its ignoring the apprehensions thus created, resolved to postpone their departure for one year, and tendered Dr. Peery service at home in the interest of the Mission Board upon furlough salary, expressing the hope that at the expiration of that time, under the leadings of divine Providence, the way might be made unmistakably clear for their departure for Japan in the fall of 1906.

It is due to Dr. and Mrs. Peery to say that they declared their willingness to go at once, notwithstanding the question of health. Just at this juncture, Dr. Peery received a call to St. Paul's Lutheran church in Denver, Col., and in view of the action of the Board postponing his departure for Japan, and the uncertainty that might attach to the matter at issue even a year hence, and the indications of Providence through the unsolicited call to Denver, Dr. Peery felt constrained to accept the call to Denver.

It is with regret that we are thus called to relinquish the services of this brother, so well qualified to do valuable work at this critical hour in the history of our mission, but in the confidence that God rules and overrules, we acquiesce in what seems the divine leading. Yet our Southern church will continue to cherish for Dr. and Mrs. Peery unabated esteem and affectionate regard for the long and faithful service rendered by them in behalf of the mission in Japan.

REV. ARTHUR J. STIREWALT.

It having been announced that an additional missionary was wanted to go out to Japan, Rev. Arthur J. Stirewalt, a member of the Senior

class in the Chicago Theological Seminary, tendered his services to the Board in a letter, dated Sept. 26, 1904, in which he says: "For several years it has been my conviction that when I enter the work of the ministry, to offer myself for the foreign field." "If this vacancy in the foreign field has not yet been filled, and if the Mission Board has not as yet any special person under consideration for the place, then I offer myself as one who would, at least, consider such work with a view to engaging in it, should such an outward call be extended me, which I could regard as the manifest call of the Lord."

Correspondence with his former and present teachers in college and seminary, and others well acquainted with Bro. Stirewalt, resulted in such unanimous and satisfactory commendation of him personally and of his fitness for the work of missionary, that the Board at its meeting in Columbia, S. C., on the 14th of December, 1904, extended him a unanimous call. This call was accepted February 25, 1905, in which he placed himself unconditionally at the service of the Board. The date of his departure to Japan was the fall of 1906 or 1907 according to the result of pending negotiations with Dr. Peery.

After his graduation from the Seminary, viz., on the 15th of May, 1905, Rev. Stirewalt, by arrangement with the Board, began a visitation of churches, synods, and conventions in two Synods of Virginia, of North and South Carolina and the Georgia Synod, continuing in this service till November 23, 1905, and ending his itinerary at Charlotte, N. C. From that point he started at that date upon his journey to Japan (Dr. Peery's departure having been indefinitely postponed), and sailed from Seattle on the 8th day of December, 1905, and reached Yokohama December 31, arriving at Saga his destination, January 8th, 1906, and was given a joyous welcome by the brethren.

Rev. Arthur J. Stirewalt was born near Luray, Va., February 5, 1881, and is the son of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt. May. 1899, he graduated from the High School at Luray, and entered the Sophomore class in Lenoir College, September, 1899, and graduated therefrom with distinction, May, 1902. In September, 1902, he entered the Theological Seminary at Chicago and graduated therefrom in May, 1905. During his Seminary course he did missionary service at several points, filling the position part of the time as proctor of the Seminary, and of chaplaincy of the Passavant Memorial Hospital. He is now at Kumamoto, diligently prosecuting his studies in preparation for active work. His presence in Japan at this time is cause of rejoicing to us all.

REV. C. L. BROWN—FURLOUGH.

Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Brown, as Missionaries under our Board, arrived in Japan, November 6, 1898. According to rules adopted for the

government of the Mission, after the expiration of eight years service, our missionaries are granted a furlough of one year, with the privilege of returning to America. Rev. Brown, by authority of the Board left Japan, May 3, 1906, and arrived at Salem, Va., June 3, 1906. It was deemed important that the Board should have an interview with Rev. Brown prior to this meeting of the United Synod, and for this and other reasons suggested by the needs of the mission, the furlough begins a few months earlier than may have been contemplated in the adoption of the rules aforesaid. For Rev. Brown and his family to have remained in Japan during this summer would have been unwise policy, and not promotive of the best interests of the mission in Japan. The rest and recuperation now possible under the furlough have been richly deserved. Bro. Brown has been faithful and laborious, and as our representative in that difficult field has performed his part well and with marked efficiency. He richly merits the thanks and kindly consideration of this body. We believe his services in the home church, as far as the same can be given, will result in valuable help to the cause in Japan. We are glad to announce that he will be present with us in this meeting of the United Synod.

REV. C. K. LIPPARD.

This brother is entering upon his sixth year of service, having his residence at Saga. Like his associates in the work often sorely tried and overburdened, he has held on with martyrlike zeal and patience, and together with his faithful wife has been diligently sowing the good seed of the Word, scattering it here and there in church, in the class-room, through the kindergarten, and by the way, wherever opportunity offers. The fruit will be by and by.

Our representatives away out on the firing line are doing yeoman service, and richly deserve the loving sympathy and unfaltering devotion of the church at home.

THE DANISH MISSION AT KURUME AND VICINITY.

Our mission in Japan and the mission of "the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran church in America" continue in harmonious and fraternal relation.

This mission has headquarters at Kurume, a city of 35,000 inhabitants, and distant from Saga ten miles, and from Kumamoto, fifty miles.

The Rev. J. M. S. Winther and his wife, Rev. Yonemura and wife and Miss Ella Johnson, and Evangelist Suzuki, constitute the working force of this Danish mission.

Inasmuch as Rev. and Mrs. Winther were to return to America on

furlough (and are now in this country), the Board under which Rev. Winther is serving, has asked us to instruct Rev. Brown or Rev. Lippard "to supervise and direct and look after" the work in Kurume and vicinity "from time to time as necessity may demand." We have accepted this fraternal proffer, and have committed to our brethren at Saga and Kumamoto the execution of the wishes of our Danish brethren. This duty will devolve chiefly upon Bro. Lippard. Rev. N. Hansen, in communicating to us this request, says, "We trust that your Board will be able to assist us in this matter, and we shall be glad to do your mission a like favor, being of the same faith and doctrine, working for the same goal the salvation of the Japanese, the establishment of our church on Japanese soil, and the upbuilding of our dear church with the old apostolic truth—the infallible Scripture."

BIENNIUM REPORT OF JAPAN MISSION FOR 1904-05.

GENERAL SURVEY.

The most prominent feature in the national life of Japan during the years 1904-05 was, of course, the war with Russia. So tremendous was this conflict, and so far-reaching were the issues involved, that the entire thought of the nation was centered almost solely on the doings of the army and navy. The world knows the final outcome, so that no account is here necessary or in place. But as the question is everywhere asked, What have been the effects of the war on mission effort, it may be of interest to you to hear the opinion of eye witnesses.

Though there were local exceptions, generally speaking, all mission work proceeded during the war just as before and since. There was local opposition here and there, and suspicions were cast on native Christians and missionaries. This was largely the work of Buddhists and dictated by religious jealousy. But Government of Japan and many thoughtful persons determined to nip in the bud all attempts to connect religion with the war. The Prime Minister, by his emphatic declarations, and a great inter-religious meeting in Tokyo, by its resolutions, clarified the religious atmosphere and fully assured the Christian church.

From the standpoint of Christianity it cannot be denied that some effects of the war were very harmful. Ancestor worship, always popular, became even more so. The deified heroes of the past who had never allowed the invasion of a foreign foe were appealed to with increased devotion. And as the mighty Christian colossus of the north went down before the armies of non-Christian Japan the faith of many in the old superstitions revived and increased—a spirit of self-sufficiency

and pride also were not wanting, though it should be emphatically said that the sin of pride and boastfulness as a result of the war cannot be charged against Japan as a whole and particularly the thoughtful and leading classes. The spirit of materialism, the desire for gain, is also on the increase. These and allied evils were naturally to be expected.

But, broadly speaking, the gains of Christianity are thought to be greater than the losses. Some of the more important are :

1. *Official Recognition.*—Christianity, though tolerated, has never been openly approved or recognized for its achievements. Through the war Christianity was given a splendid opportunity to publicly reveal the spirit of Christ in many very practical ways, and these opportunities were not neglected. The distribution of Bibles to departing soldiers, the visitation of bereaved families, the work for wounded soldiers in the hospitals, the sending of comfort bags to the front, the excellent work of the Y. M. C. A. among the soldiers in Manchuria—in fact the whole conduct of the Christian church was so admirable that the Emperor himself saw fit to express his approval by the gift of $5,000 toward the Y. M. C. A. work in Manchuria. He has also in the past two years given $5,000 to a Christian orphanage and $500 to another Christian institution. Also a local governor recently promised to give to a Christian leper home $750 annually. All such recognition, due directly or indirectly to the war, gives Christianity a public status perhaps not possible to have been obtained otherwise.

2. *Growth Toward Church Independence.*—While the desire for self-support and independence existed before the war the victory of the Japanese arms has lent very great additional force to this movement. So long as the spirit of the movement is confined to reasonable bounds it should be welcomed as a step in the right direction. The sooner the native church assumes its own financial burdens the better will it be for Christianity in Japan.

3. *The War has Increased the Sense of Moral and Religious Insufficiency.*—Japan realizes that she stands in the position of leader and instructor to China and Corea, and that her responsibilities are therefore great—at the same time it is admitted that her duty is to teach not only the material sciences, but also morality and religion. But how can this be done when her own systems fail to command the homage of her own leaders? How can Japan become the moral leader of China when the 9,000 Chinese students in Japan, instead of being elevated, sink deeper into immorality? The thinking men of Japan are fast realizing that it is impossible to assume present day responsibilities and discharge them faithfully with the present moral and re-

ligious foundations. Such moral and religious uncertainty constitutes great opportunities for the church.

The work of the churches in general has continued as usual. While the statistics for 1905 are not yet to hand, judging from the two preceding years, the baptisms for 1904-05 should be close to 15,000, including about 2,000 children ; and the total Christian population, including children, should now be close to 160,000. The gains in the past five years have been much more rapid than during the preceding ten years.

Special mention should be made of the condition of Christian schools. The adverse legislation of the government in 1899, directing that no religion should be taught or religious ceremonies held in any schools recognized by government, was a great blow to Christian education. The removal of this restriction in January, 1904, has given new life and hope to mission schools. The absolute lack of proper moral and religious instruction in the government schools is causing uneasiness among many parents, and inducing them to patronize mission schools. For these and other reasons all the mission schools of the higher grade are overflowing with students. All that can are enlarging their buildings or putting in heavy repairs. These schools were never so prosperous, never deserved more the earnest support of the home churches.

OUR OWN WORK.

Coming to our own field, it must be admitted that our report cannot be made so encouraging as that for the last biennium. The war was a constant drain on our membership, and in addition certain congregational difficulties served to retard our growth and destroy a part of what we had. Of course, the war was beyond our control, and as for the congregational difficulties, though they are to be regretted, they are common to Japanese church life. We are therefore neither surprised nor discouraged.

SAGA AND HAKATA.

Unfortunately the presence of the Finnish Board missionaries in Saga at the beginning of the Russo-Japanese war led to suspicions on the part of the local government and some of the citizens. At that time all foreigners in the interior of Japan were more or less carefully watched, and Finland being a dependency of Russia the presence of Finns was not understood. At a later date other difficulties with these missionaries under circumstances familiar to the Board, led to the discontinuance of our co-operation, and as a result they finally withdrew from Kyushu to north Japan.

Partly growing out of these same misunderstandings the Saga Chris-

tians later lost confidence in their pastor, who had labored among them since the founding of the mission, so that it became necessary to move him to another station. Hakata, having a population of 80,000, distant from Saga about 35 miles, was chosen as a new station. Mr. Yamanouchi moved there from Saga in January of this year. He told me recently that he now has about 15 inquirers and an attendance of 7 on Sunday. To supply the vacancy in Saga, Mr. Uada was called from Ogi.

The kindergarten has continued to grow until now there are enrolled 40 scholars. Mrs. Lippard is much interested in this work, and both she and Mr. Lippard are of opinion that the kindergarten has a beneficial influence on their other efforts. A new Bible woman and a new kindergarten teacher were secured in April, 1906. In spite of the many changes in the Saga station Mr. Lippard is more encouraged than for some time. Mrs. Lippard has also had a large cooking class which she teaches in her home with good results.

One of the most encouraging features of the Saga work was the recent public preaching during the Kyushu Exposition held this spring in March and April. Mr. Lippard showed great enterprise and forethought in using such a splendid opportunity to preach the Gospel. A small house was erected just outside the exposition grounds, and preachers were invited from all over Kyushu. It was our good fortune to know that from 200 to 600 people heard preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ every day for 60 days.

KUMAMOTO AND OMUTA.

The last biennium witnessed the erection and consecration of the Katharine Scherer Memorial chapel. Through the generosity of our friends we were able to secure an excellent location and build a strong and commodious chapel sufficient for all our needs—and through the kindness of other friends a small but good parsonage and Sunday-school room were added. The entire cost was $1,700. With this addition our Board now holds in Saga and Kumamoto property which cost $4,675. All this property is worth more today than the purchase price. The possession of the Kumamoto chapel will help to advertise our cause to the public and in other ways be of great benefit.

Aside from the regular work of the church Mr. Brown has continued to teach in the Government College and Mrs. Brown has given much of her time to work among the children, both in and out of the city. Sunday-schools have been large and well attended. The children of these schools have gradually become as interested as the missionaries. Mrs. Brown has also given some time each week to cooking class work.

Kumamoto being a large city and also a military and educational center, other missions too are working there. Speaking for the general work, therefore, mention should be made of the fact that the condition of Christianity in that city today is much better than two or three years ago. Prejudice is dying down, and the churches are exercising a much more potent influence on the public. Recently the resident missionaries gave a musical for the benefit of the famine sufferers; so great was the popular approval that 5,000 people came, resulting in $450 for the sufferers. The press notices were flattering, and even the Buddhists sent in a request that we assist them in a like entertainment at some later date. All the churches are alive to the situation, and are aggressively proclaiming the Gospel with excellent results.

The work at Omuta continues to be encouraging. Mr. Wasa has gained 10 new converts since the last biennium report. The enrolled membership is now 21, and the resident 11. Mr. Wasa is energetic and consecrated and is suited to his field.

KURUME.

Though Kurume does not belong to our United Synod work, since all are interested in every Lutheran effort in Japan some mention of the Danish work is perhaps expected.

Mr. Winther went to Kurume five years ago with his evangelist Mr. Yonemura. They have now a very respectable little congregation of twenty-one members enrolled and fifteen resident, including five children. Three years ago Miss Johnson came out as an assistant to Mr. Winther. There is also one theological student who renders good service. The presence of these faithful workers in a nearby city has been no little encouragement to your missionaries.

In addition to the above central stations there are other small towns in which we preach and teach; but as our work in such places is not always permanent, frequently changes, and is not always regular, each of these sub-stations is not treated separately. A place at the statistics will show that we have in our principal and sub-stations ten preaching places. The small towns above referred to are Ogi, Ochimachi, Sunadori, Tokuma, Wakatsu, Takase, Tosu.

OUR NEEDS.

In Japan there are 2,034 Protestant workers, including missionaries, ordained and unordained Japanese evangelists, and Bible women. This means that in round numbers there is one Protestant worker for every 25,000 of population. There are 793 missionaries, or one to every 63,000 population.

On the Island of Kyushu there are about 5,000,000 Japanese and 47

missionaries, including the teachers in mission schools. That means there is only one missionary to every 106,000 population. It therefore follows that our needs are many. We are needy in every department of our work. We need more missionaries, more evangelists, more money. But standing far above every specific need there is one great and all-embracing need upon which we ask you to center your whole strength. Supply this need, and certain others will gradually and naturally cease to exist. Fail to supply this need, and we must sooner or later surrender in despair. Our all-embracing and greatest need is an academic and theological school of sufficient grade and equipment to meet the conditions of today. This question is presented in detail in another paper.

STATISTICS.

Missionaries (including wives), 5 ; Japanese pastors, 2 ; unordained helpers and Bible-women, 5 ; central stations, 4 ; preaching places, 10 ; Sunday-schools, 11 ; scholars and teachers, 400 ; kindergarten, 1 ; scholars, 40 ; baptized members, 185 ; resident members, 75 ; converts for 1904–05, 47 ; salaries to Japanese per month, *yen 158.00 ; chapel rents per month, yen 23.00 ; value of property, $4,675.00.

NOTE—The figures for Mr. Winther's work must be added to above, as follows :—

Missionaries (including wives), 3 ; ordained helper, 1 ; unordained helper, 1 ; Bible-woman, 1 ; baptized membership, 21 ; resident membership, 15.

June 29th, 1906. C. L. BROWN.

* Yen, fifty cents.

MISSION DAY, JULY 11, 1906.

By authority of those having in charge the ordering of the special appointments for this convention, this day, Wednesday, the 11th of July, has been designated "Mission Day," and anticipating the hearty endorsement of this body in convention assembled, the following program of exercises has been arranged, and is now submitted as the special order of the day, and we now recommend the same for your adoption as such special order :

MISSION DAY, JULY 11, 1906.

United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the South, in convention at Dallas, North Carolina, Wednesday, July 11, 1906.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

I. Missions in General.
   1. Mission Report Presented.
   2. Importance of Missions.

a. From the Divine Standpoint.
b. From the Standpoint of the Unsaved.
c. From the Standpoint of the Saved. Discussion.

3. The Church's Resources.

a. Divine: Prayer and Missions.

b. Human:

(1) Intelligent Interest. Discussion.
(2) The Pastor and Missions.
(3) The Layman and Missions.
(4) The Young of the Church and Missions.
(5) Our Educational Institutions and Missions. Discussion.

II. Home Missions, from Standpoint of the United Synod.

1. Our Possibilities as a United Body.
2. Our Limitations—An Opportunity for the American Lutheran Church. The Great Southwest.

Addresses followed by general discussion.

III. Night Session—Vespers—Theme: Our Mission in Japan.

1. Greetings from Japan—Rev. C. L. Brown.
2. The Response—*The Home Base.*

TREASURER'S REPORT—JULY, 1904, TO JULY, 1906.

JOHN A. CLINE, IN ACCOUNT WITH

MISSION FUNDS OF THE UNITED SYNOD.

WOMAN'S $20,000 "FORWARD MOVEMENT" FUND.

DR.

To amount received from all sources	$ 3846	53
To amount interest at 4 per cent. on deposits	155	68
	$ 4002	21

CR.

By amts. reserved by Tennessee Synod	$ 101	82
By amt. credited to Foreign Mission	33	00
By amt. expense stamps	2	03
	$ 136	85
By balance in treasury, July 1, 1906	3865	36
	$ 4002	21

ATLANTA MISSION FUND.

1904. DR.

Sept. 26. To amts. received from all sources from Sept. 1, 1904, to July 1, 1906	$ 1889	16

CR.

By amt. paid Rev. E. C. Cronk, traveling expenses canvassing churches	$	118 62
By amt. to Chas. H. Steiglitz, treasurer		1762 04
By balance in treasury, July 1, 1906		8 50
	$	1889 16

MISSION LEAGUE FUND.

1906. DR.

June 30. To amt. from all sources: Foreign Missions	$	2060 37
Home Missions		274 50
	$	3334 87

1906. CR.

By amt. salary and commission and traveling expenses of Rev. Stirewalt, May to November, 1905, together with printing, postage, and other general expenses	$	765 92
By one month's remittance to Japan: Salaries of Missionaries Lippard and Stirewalt, and native helpers, chapel rents, &c		325 00
By balance in treasury, July 1, 1906		1243 95
	$	2334 87

KATHARINE SCHERER MEMORIAL FUND.

1904. DR.

Sept. 14. To amt. from J. W. Eberly, former treasurer	$	295 71
Sept. 19. To amt. from Miss Myrtle Neff Coley, Treasurer Children's Society, Southwestern Virginia Synod		15 00
	$	310 71

1904. CR.

Dec. 21. By amt. transferred to Foreign Fund for Katharine Scherer Memorial Church, Kumamoto	$	310 71

HOME MISSION FUND.

1904. DR.

July 1. To balance in treasury	$	150 22
To amt. recd. from all sources from July 1, 1904, to July 1, 1906		6236 73
To cash from "a friend in Virginia," payment towards a lot in Spartanburg		100 00
	$	6486 95

CR.

By amt. to Newport News mission towards pastor's salary.	$ 1170 00
By amt. to Norfolk mission towards pastor's salary	480 00
By amt. to Graham and Bluefield missions towards past. sal.	416 60
By amt. to Morristown mission towards pastor's salary . . .	240 00
By amt. to Atlanta mission towards pastor's salary	1200 00
By amt. to Mississippi mission towards pastor's salary . .	360 00
By amt. to Graham mission towards pastor's salary	149 94
By amt. to Bristol mission towards pastor's salary	374 94
By amt. to Atlanta mission, payment on church	450 00
By amt. to Spartanburg for lot	100 00
By amt. cost on lot at Fitzgerald, Ga	28 50
By amt. all other expenses of Board, salary of superintendent, printing, traveling, postage, Board meetings, &c. .	613 36
	$ 5583 34
Balance in treasury, July 1, 1906	903 61
	$ 6486 95

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1904. DR.

July 1. To balance on hand	$ 350 29
To amt. transferred from Scherer Memorial Fund . .	310 71
To amt. contributions in the past two years, which include all regular contributions from Synodical Missionary Societies and Sunday-schools and all special contributions for helpers, chapel rents, organ, well, &c.	13433 79
	$14094 79

CR.

By traveling expenses Rev. Stirewalt to Japan	$ 200 00
By salary to Rev. C. R. Brown	2354 30
By salary to Rev. C. K. Lippard	2233 33
By salary to Rev. A. J. Stirewalt	399 99
By amt. to Rev. R. B. Peery, bal. due on his house in Japan	415 00
By amt. incidentals, native helper allowance, native helper, &c.	3518 50
By amt. expense board, travel, and salary supt., printing, and all other expenses	615 48
By amt. to Kumamoto church	1300 00
By amt. to pews for church	75 00
By amt. to organ	25 00
By amt. for well at Saga	50 00

By amt. for parsonage at Kurume	125 00
By amt. for Kindergarten	20 00
By advanced expense of return of Rev. Brown and family and furlough salary	825 00
	$12156 60
By balance, July 1, 1906	1938 19
	$14094 79

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. CLINE, TREASURER.

This is to certify that we have audited the foregoing account of John A. Cline, Treasurer, and find the same correct.

W. L. SEABROOK,
W. A. DEATON.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

The Treasurer's Report makes exhibit as follows of moneys contributed for United Synod purposes and *passing into his hands* during the past two years :—

Home Mission Fund	$ 6486 95
Foreign Mission Fund	14094 79
Mission League Fund	2334 87
Atlanta Fund	1889 16
Woman's $20,000 Fund	3846 53
Total	$28652 30

This is an average of only 30 cents per member annually, and yet this is in excess of former years.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Amounts Contributed by each Synod from July 1, 1904, to July 1, 1906.

Virginia Synod.

Foreign Mission	$ 3946 31
Home Mission	2196 82
	$6143 13

Southwestern Virginia Synod.

Foreign Mission	$ 1645 01
Home Mission	595 00
	$2240 01

North Carolina Synod.

Foreign Mission	$2812 12
Home Mission	909 15
	$3721 27

Tennessee Synod.

Foreign Mission	$ 549 44
Home Mission	325 00
	$ 874 44

South Carolina Synod.

Foreign Mission	$ 3737 11
Home Mission	1346 54
	$5083 65

Holston Synod.

Foreign Mission	$ 50 66
Home Mission	27 80
	$ 78 46

Mississippi Synod.

Foreign Mission	$ 79 26
Home Mission	62 80
	$ 142 06

Georgia Synod.

Foreign Mission	$ 638 50
Home Mission	854 02
	$1492 52

Total.

Virginia Synod	$ 6143 13
Southwestern Virginia Synod	2240 01
North Carolina Synod	3721 27
Tennessee Synod	874 44
South Carolina Synod	5083 65
Holston Synod	78 44
Mississippi Synod	142 06
Georgia Synod	1492 52
Grand total	$19775 52

The variance between the above total and that elsewhere credited to Home and Foreign Mission funds, is due chiefly to the omission of certain balances that stood to the credit of last biennium receipts.

MISSION LEAGUE.

Sources of this Fund.

Tennessee Synod	$ 917 00
North Carolina Synod	657 25
Virginia Synod	215 50
South Carolina Synod	202 00
Georgia Synod	122 50

Southwestern Virginia Synod	43 00
Mississippi Synod	30 00
	$2187 25
Other sources	147 62
	$2334 87

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend :

1. That the Rules and Regulations, presented in this report with respect to the management of Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension, be adopted.

2. That $10,000 be apportioned to the Synods to be raised annually for Home Missions and Church Extension.

3. That $10,000 be apportioned to the Synods as the amount needed annually for the support of the mission in Japan.

4. The month of April be designated as Japan month in all the Sunday-schools of the United Synod.

5. That the month of June be known as Home Mission and Church Extension month in the congregations of the United Synod.

6. That the month of October be Foreign Mission Month in the churches.

7. That the gift of Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Bernheim be considered as part of the Church Extension Fund, and that the United Synod record its grateful appreciation of this kindly act on the part of these beloved friends and generous patrons of the cause of missions in the United Synod.

8. That to the Board of Missions be committed the duty of electing a Missionary Superintendent, in harmony with the spirit of the action of the United Synod at its last convention. (See Minutes of 1904, page 54, recommendation 1.)

9. That the earnest appeal of the Japan Conference in behalf of the mission school, as contained in the pamphlet herewith submitted, be considered with that careful and prayerful deliberation which the supreme importance of the cause demands, and that a special hour be designated for the discussion of this subject.

Respectfully,

R. C. HOLLAND,
L. G. M. MILLER,
W. L. SEABROOK,
J. E. COOPER,
W. C. SCHAEFFER,
H. E. H. SLOOP,
O. C. PETERSEN,
W. A. DEATON,
BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The general subject of Missions was then taken up, and the following order was observed, with addresses as outlined, Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., presiding, the Synod being first led in prayer by Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D.:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, BEGINNING AT 10 A. M.

Program for the Day.

1. MISSIONS IN GENERAL.
   1. Report of Board of Missions Presented.
   2. Addresses—Subject: "Importance of Missions."
      a. Presented from the Divine Standpoint—President J. A. Morehead, D. D.
      b. Viewed from the Standpoint of the Unsaved—Rev. E. L. Wessinger.
      c. Viewed from the Standpoint of The Saved—Rev. W. A. Snyder.
   3. Addresses—Subject: "The Church's Resources."
      a. On the Divine Side. Subject: "Prayer and Missions."—Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D.
      b. On the Human Side.
         1. "Intelligent Interest."—Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., Rev. Geo. S. Bowers.
         2. "The Pastor and Missions."—Geo. B. Cromer, LL. D.
         3. "The Layman and Missions."—President J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., LL. D.
         4. "The Young of the Church and Missions."—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D.
         5. "Our Educational Institutions and Missions."—Rev. Prof. A. G. Voigt, D. D.
2. HOME MISSIONS, From Standpoint of the United Synod.
   1. "Our Possibilities and Responsibilities as a United Body."—Rev. R. L. Fritz.
   2. "Our Limitations—An Opportunity for the American Lutheran Church."—Rev. W. L. Seabrook.

Pending the discussion of The Church's Resources, Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. M. J. Epting.

THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 1906, 2 P. M.

Synod convened, and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. L. Seabrook. Prayer by Rev. M. O. J. Kreps.

The missionary program was taken up and concluded.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Paul Sieg.

At 8:30 p. m., Rev. James A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., LL. D., presided, and the following order was observed:

Vespers. Theme, "Our Mission in Japan."

1. Greetings from Japan. Address by Rev. C. L. Brown, of Kumamoto.
2. Response, "The Home Base."—Rev. John W. Horine.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1906, 9 A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. Jas. D. Kinard.

Roll was called, and minutes of yesterday's sessions read and approved.

Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., on motion, addressed the Synod on the work of the American Bible Society.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with sympathetic hearts the presentation of the cause of the American Bible Society by Dr. Law, and that we hereby express our endorsement of this cause, and our deep interest in the grand work, assuring its representative of our moral support and prayers for the blessings of the Lord our God upon the work, and we recommend that, as tangible evidence of our interest, a collection be taken annually in our churches for the work.

The Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was made and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

Revs. J. E. Shenk, T. W. Shealy, and W. H. Riser were appointed a committee to nominate Seminary Board. It was

Resolved, That the Committee on Missions nominate the Board of Missions, and that the Board be constituted of one member from each district synod.

The Report of the Publishing Committee was submitted, and, on motion, a committee of *seven* was appointed to which the report was referred, with instructions to report as early as possible tomorrow. Committee: Revs. J. H. Wilson, R. L. Fritz, J. B. Greiner, Geo. H. Cox, and Messrs. Elon O. Henkel, J. F. Clemmer, and J. D. Cappelman.

The Committee on Common Book of Worship reported. Received and referred to the following committee: Revs. Geo. S. Bowers, M. G. G. Scherer, and Mr. H. L. Bonham.

The Committee to Nominate Fraternal Delegates reported. Adopted, and nominees elected.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

Your committee would recommend fraternal delegates as follows:

GENERAL COUNCIL.

Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Principal. Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Alternate.

GENERAL SYNOD.

Rev. J. W. Horine, Principal. Rev. G. H. Cox, D. D., Alternate.

Respectfully submitted, C. A. FREED,
B. D. WESSINGER,
J. W. JENNY.

The Committee on Treasurer's Report submitted the following, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dallas, N. C., July 12, 1906.

To the President and Members of the United Synod,

BRETHREN:—The committee to audit Treasurer's account respectfully reports that they have examined the report of C. H. Duls, Treasurer of the United Synod, and found the same correct, all disbursements being evidenced by proper vouchers. The committee would recommend that some action be taken looking to the investmenf of the "F. P. Cover" fund, according to the requirements as expressed in his will. Respectfully submitted, R. F. BRYANT,
S. SIDNEY CASSELL,
J. M. RHODES.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. H. DULS, Treasurer, in Account with
THE United Synod of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in the South.

Dr.

July 27, '04.	To bal. in hands Tr. (p. 55, last Minutes) . .	Nothing
Aug. 20, '04.	Received of E. H. Aull, royalty, (p. 99, last Minutes)	$ 35 68
Feb. 11, '05.	Received of M. Coffman, Tr. E. L. Synod of Va.	54 84
Feb. 18, '05.	Received of Jas. D. Heilig, Tr. N. C. Synod .	82 20
March 8, '05.	Received of A. S. Greever, Tr. S. W. Va. Synod.	28 20
Mch. 16, '05.	Received of J. M. Guann, Tr. Georgia Synod .	25 64
May 15, '05.	Received of J. H. Sheppard, Tr. Miss. Synod .	7 20
Aug. 14, '05.	Received of R. A. Yoder, Tr. E. L. Tenn. Synod.	91 68
Sept. 26, '05.	Received of J. M. Kinser, Tr. E. L. Holston Synod	13 68
June 16, '06.	Received of Jas. D. Heilig, Tr. N. C. Synod .	84 92
Nov. 18, '05.	Received of A. H. Kohn, Tr. S. C. Synod . .	98 88
	Total Receipts	$ 522 92

Cr.

Aug. 19, '04.	Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary, for services, &c., (p. 118, last Minutes)	$ 26 00
Mch. 15, '05.	Paid Elbert H. Aull Co., on act. (pp. 90 and 118, last Minutes)	150 00
May 2, '05.	Paid Elbert H. Aull Co., on act. (pp. 90 and 118, last Minutes)	46 86
May 8, '05.	Paid Chas. F. Offman, sexton (p. 124, last Min.)	2 50
Aug. 18, '05.	Paid Elbert H. Aull Co., on acct. (pp. 90 and 118, last Minutes)	98 88
Sept. 27, '05.	Paid Henkel & Co., on acct. (pp. 90 and 118, last Minutes)	13 68
Nov. 18, '05.	Paid Elbert H. Aull Co., bal. (pp. 90 and 118, last Minutes)	51 49
July 5, '06.	Paid Henkel & Co., on acct. (pp. 57 and 103, last Minutes)	32 42
July 7, '06.	Paid Gustavus Wickes, sexton (p. 124, last Min.)	2 50
July 10, '06.	Paid Henkel & Co., bal. in full (pp. 57 and 103, last Minutes)	8 77
July 10, '06.	Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary, (p. 118, last Minutes)	1 50

Balance in hands of Treasurer	88 32
	$522 92
July 10, '06. Bal. in hands of Treasurer, brought down. . .	$ 88 32

THE F. P. COVER FUND.

The Treasurer further begs leave to report that in pursuance of Fourth Item of F. P. Cover's will, the executrix on June 23, 1906, turned over to the Treasurer a check for ten thousand dollars, which check was at once deposited for collection; and certificate of deposit No. 12089, date July 9, 1906, for said amount is herewith exhibited, the money being on certificate in The Merchants and Farmers National Bank of Charlotte, N. C., awaiting the instructions of United Synod. Item 4th of the said will reads as follows:

"I give and bequeath unto the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000), to be securely invested and kept invested in some good Trust Company by said Synod, and to be called "The F. P. Cover Fund;" and the interest or income thereof shall be used as follows, viz.: the interest or income of one thousand dollars ($1,000) thereof to be applied annually to the salary of the regular pastor of Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran church of Browntown, Warren county, Virginia, when and only when said church has a regular pastor; the balance of said interest or income, and the whole thereof when said Ebenezer church has no regular pastor, shall be used for the maintenance and support of the orphans of the Lutheran Orphan Home of the said United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the South, at Salem, Va., or its successor as an Orphans' Home."

Respectfully submitted,

July 10, 1906. C. H. DULS, TREASURER.

Certificate of deposit as stated above was in evidence.

R. F. BRYANT, CHAIRMAN.

On motion, a committee of *two* was appointed to advise with the Treasurer in carrying out the conditions of the Cover bequest, and the Treasurer was authorized to invest said fund as contemplated.

Committee: Rev. A. D. R. Hancher and Mr. W. F. Snyder, of Salisbury, N. C.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. A. Marks.

FIFTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1906, 3 P. M.

Synod was convened and opened with prayer by Rev. G. D. Bernheim, D. D.

On motion, resolution 2, page 117 Minutes of 1904, was rescinded, and the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The following Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was nominated and elected:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We, your Committee to Nominate a Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, beg leave to submit the following: Revs. R. C. Holland, D. D., W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., W. A. Deaton, M. O. J. Kreps, C. A. Marks, J. H. Wilson, D. D., and Messrs. J. F. Ficken, C. M. Efird, Geo. B. Cromer, LL. D., H. S. Trout, J. D. Cappelman, J. E. Cooper, and E. H. Jahnz.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. SHENK,
W. H. RISER,
T. W. SHEALY.

The following Report on General Lutheran Conference was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL LUTHERAN CONFERENCE.

Your committee, appointed at the last convention of the United Synod to enter into correspondence with the committee of the General Council in regard to an International Lutheran Conference, beg leave to report that they have done so; that joint meetings of committees from the General Council, General Synod, and the United Synod, at which the last named body could only be represented by letter, were held in Philadelphia with the result that the project be postponed as inexpedient at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT,
M. M. KINARD,
J. B. GREINER.

Prof. J. T. Crabtree, Superintendent of the Orphans' Home, upon request, read his report as information.

The report of the committee on the Report of the Board of Missions was fixed as the special order for 9 a. m. tomorrow.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have printed in the Minutes, the By-Laws, Rules of Order, and Standing Resolutions of the United Synod; and that a few copies be bound in pamphlet form for the use of the officers of the Synod.

The following was adopted:

1. That the editors of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* be requested to publish the address of Dr. Jacobs, made on last Tuesday evening before this body.

2. That two thousand copies of this address be published in pamphlet form, printed from the *Church Visitor*, to be distributed by the Mission Board.

3. Synod to meet the expense of such publication.

Synod was then adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. E. Weltner.

At 8:30 p. m., the Synod met to hear greetings from other ecclesiastical bodies.

Rev. C. A. Freed conducted religious services, after which Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., LL. D., official visitor from the General Council, delivered an excellent address, to which the President of Synod responded in most pleasing terms.

SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1906, 9 A. M.

Synod convened, and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. T. W. Shealy.

Roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Committee on Missions made the following report, which was considered by items and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

We, your committee, appointed to consider the report of the Board of Missions, respectfully submit the following :

1. We recommend the hearty approval by the United Synod of the Lutheran Mission League of the South, and recognize its influence in increasing the interest in missions among our people and in adding a considerable sum to the receipts of the Board.

2. We recommend that the United Synod declare its appreciation of the Women's Forward Movement, expressing the hope that the women of the church may be so greatly blessed in their efforts in raising the $20,000 fund that they, with the whole church, may rejoice in the near future in its successful completion.

3. We recommend that the United Synod approve the election by the Board of Rev. Dr. R. C. Holland as missionary superintendent, and the provision made for the support of this officer of the Board.

4. We recommend that the United Synod, in answer to the item in the Board's report, "Woman's Missionary Societies," pages 4 and 5, 13 and 14 of these Minutes, adopt the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is the sense of the United Synod that the contributions of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies for Missions be not regarded as part of the congregational apportionments for Missions.

5. We recommend that the amendment of the Rules for the Japanese Mission, under the head of "Recalls," page 6, changing "will" to "may," be adopted, and that said rules and regulations thus amended be reaffirmed by this body.

6. We recommend that the amendment of Rules for Church Extension Work, suggesting the elimination of items 10 and 12, under "Donation and Loan Fund," be adopted, and said rules as thus amended be re-adopted.

7. We recommend that the United Synod express its great pleasure at the announcement that the First Lutheran Church, of Norfolk, Va., Rev. W. H. Riser, pastor, will become self-sustaining Jan. 1, 1907, and that the successful completion of this mission effort in this seaport city of the South should stimulate this body to increased devotion to our Home Mission work.

8. We recommend that the item in the Board's report, under the head "The Widening Home Field," be approved, and that the Board of Missions constitute the committee to confer with the Boards of the General Council and the General Synod on joint work in the territory described.

9. We recommend the adoption of the following items of the Board's report:

1. That the Rules and Regulations, presented in this report with respect to the management of Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension, be adopted.

2. That $10,000 be apportioned to the Synods to be raised annually for Home Missions and Church Extension.

3. That $10,000 be apportioned to the Synods as the amount needed annually for the support of the mission in Japan.

4. The month of April be designated as Japan month in all the Sunday-schools of the United Synod.

5. That the month of June be known as Home Mission and Church Extension month in the congregations of the United Synod.

6. That the month of October be Foreign Mission month in the churches.

7. That the gift of Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Bernheim be considered as part of the Church Extension Fund, and that the United Synod record its grateful appreciation of this kindly act on the part of these beloved friends and generous patrons of the cause of missions in the United Synod.

8. That to the Board of Missions be committed the duty of electing a Missionary Superintendent in harmony with the spirit of the action of the United Synod at its last convention. (See Minutes of 1904, page 54, recommendation 1.)

9. That the earnest appeal of the Japan Conference in behalf of the mission school, as contained in the pamphlet herewith submitted, be considered with the careful and prayerful deliberation which the supreme importance of the cause demands, and that a special hour be designated for the discussion of this subject.

10. We recommend that the United Synod in reply to item 8 of the "Recommendations" of the Board, page 34, adopt the following:

Resolved, That the recommendation of our Japan Conference that a school be founded in Japan be adopted, and that the Board of Missions be authorized to inaugurate a movement to carry the work into effect.

11. We recommend that the United Synod authorize the Board of Missions to fill all vacancies occurring in said Board during the interim between this and our next convention.

12. We recommend the election of the following Board of Missions for the ensuing biennium: Revs. R. C. Holland, D. D., W. A. Deaton, W. L. Seabrook, W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., J. H. Murphy, and Mr. J. W. Eberly, Mr. R. W. Kime and Mr. John M. Lichtenwager.

13. We recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the United Synod expresses its hearty appreciation of the efficient and faithful services of the Board of Missions during the past biennium, especially its President.

L. L. SMITH,
G. H. COX,
J. C. MOSER,
J. A. B. SCHERER,
J. J. SCHERER,
J. F. FICKEN,
G. B. CROMER,
COMMITTEE.

It was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed at this session of Synod to report at the next session, if feasible, a plan for the readjustment of the several relationships of the present Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions and Church Extension be directed to maintain three funds ; viz., Foreign Mission Fund, Home Mission Fund, and Church Extension Fund, and that these funds be increased by said Board in harmony with the other actions of this body and in response to the demands of the work.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. W. Strickler.

SEVENTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1906, 3 P. M.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. H. Greever.

On motion, the ladies were requested to permit us to print the Minutes of their Missionary Convention with our Minutes.

The Committee on the Report of the Publishing Committee submitted the following, which was considered by items and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

We recommend that:

1. The acts of this committee in this report be approved.

2. The recommendations *a*, *b*, *c*, *e* be adopted.

3. Instead of recommendation *d*, the following be adopted: "The said Publishing Committee be authorized and instructed to raise from the churches of this Synod annually, such sum in addition to the net income as may be necessary in publishing said *Lutheran Church Visitor* and conducting the publishing interests of the United Synod.

4. The recommendations as to Picture Charts 1 and 2 be adopted.

J. H. WILSON,
JNO. D. CAPPELMANN,
ELON O. HENKEL,
R. L. FRITZ,
GEO. H. COX,
J. B. GREINER,
J. F. CLEMMER.

REPORT OF PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Your committee, appointed at the convention of the United Synod, held at New Market, Virginia, July 27-31, 1904, (see Minutes, page 117) begs leave to submit the following report:

1. Your committee organized by the election of Rev. W. L. Seabrook, chairman, and Dr. George B. Cromer, secretary.

2. That under the direction of your committee, acting under your instructions (Minutes of 1904, page 91, sec. b), the consolidation of *The Lutheran Visitor* and *Our Church Paper* was effected in accordance with the proposition of the United Synod Publishing Company, as presented to your body and recorded on pages 95 and 96 of the Minutes of 1904.

3. That carrying out your instructions (Minutes of 1904, item c, page 92) arrangements were made with the owner and publisher of the *Southern Lutheran* for the temporary continuance of its publication; that after a few months The United Synod Publishing Company purchased the said *Southern Lutheran*, and continued the publication of the same under the name *Tidings*.

4. That your committee carrying out your instructions (Minutes of 1904, page 92, item b) arranged with the United Synod Publishing Company to become the repository and distributing agents of the picture charts and other Sunday-school supplies.

5. That your committee was instructed by your body (Minutes of

1904, item a, page 92) "to devise ways and means to meet *the first payment on the picture charts*, and that it be authorized to make a loan for this purpose, if such loan be found necessary;" that this action of your body was taken in view of the terms of the contract entered into with the Stecher Lithographic Company, of Rochester, New York, whereby it was expressly agreed by said Lithographic Company that the first thirteen picture charts were to be delivered to the United Synod by *the first day of September, 1904*, and the only loan which your committee was authorized to make was of the sum of money necessary to provide for *the first payment on said charts*, to-wit, *for the first thirteen thereof, to be delivered by September 1, 1904*; that said first delivery was not made before September 1, 1904, and was not in fact made until December, 1904, when two sets of thirteen charts were received by the United Synod Publishing Company; that said sets were not consecutive, but one set belonged to the first series and one to the second; that your committee did not deem itself authorized to make a loan to pay for said charts thus received nor for subsequent sets, since delivered; and that nothing has been paid to the said Stecher Lithographic Company, and the whole amount of their claim remains unpaid, viz., the sum of $558.67.

That the set of thirteen charts belonging to Series A, for which the set of thirteen charts belonging to Series B was substituted in the first delivery to the United Synod Publishing Company, has never been received by the said distributing agents, and they have therefore been unable to supply the same to our Sunday-schools.

The account of the United Synod Publishing Company, acting as distributing agents of said charts, is herewith filed for your information.

6. That under the proposition of the United Synod Publishing Co., (Minutes of 1904, page 96) the said United Synod Publishing Company agreed "to give the United Synod an option at the end of four years to purchase the newspaper, its business and good-will, and everything pertaining thereto for the sum of $3,950 (thirty-nine hundred and fifty dollars) with the addition of whatever amount shall have been necessary for the successful conduct of the new paper."

That the said, the United Synod Publishing Company, on the 14th day of May, 1906, submitted to your committee a proposition according to the United Synod the privilege of anticipating this option and becoming the purchaser and owner of said paper, &c., at this time, said proposition being as follows:

"We hereby offer to the United Synod through you as its representative, the option, at its next meeting, at Dallas, N. C., July, 1906, to purchase the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, together with *Tidings*, and all the

allied publication interests of the United Synod, now in our possession, or under our control, for the sum of thirty-nine hundred and fifty dollars ($3,950), it being understood and agreed that the United Synod become the beneficiary of all of the outstanding accounts due to and that it assume all of the liabilities of the United Synod Publishing Company, upon the day of transfer; provided that, under the normal conduct of the business of the company, which the United Synod Publishing Company will place under your direct supervision when you shall have taken favorable action upon this proposition, the liabilities of the company as over against the assets shall not have been increased more than $300 over the amount indicated in the statement of the present assets and liabilities of the United Synod Publishing Company, herewith submitted.

Signed UNITED SYNOD PUBLISHING CO.,
W. H. GREEVER, PRESIDENT,
C. A. FREED, VICE-PRES. AND BUS. MAN.,
W. P. HOUSEAL, SEC. AND TREAS.

Upon this proposition your committee adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, "That in the judgment of this committee it is advisable that the United Synod own and operate the publication interests of the United Synod, at present owned and operated by the United Synod Publishing Company. That the Editor and Business Manager be authorized to act as the agents of this committee in the continued effort to secure subscriptions which shall constitute a purchase fund of $3,950; that the success of the agents in securing the aforesaid sum of $3,950 will warrant this committee in recommending to the United Synod the acceptance of the proposition submitted at this meeting of the United Synod."

That the said agents have prosecuted the effort to secure such subscriptions with diligence, and in the limited time at their command have received the sum of $1,825 in bona fide and available subscriptions, which are subject to the call of your committee; and that the result of their canvass indicates that with more time at command the whole amount could probably have been raised prior to the meeting of the United Synod, and their partial success is the promise of complete success if the canvass for subscriptions shall be further prosecuted under the authority and direction of the United Synod.

7. In submitting its report, your committee expresses its appreciation of the faithful, earnest, and efficient work of the members of the United Synod Publishing Company, in giving to the United Synod as its organ a church paper that will compare favorably with the very best re-

ligious periodicals of this class published in any branch of the church.

8. Your committee wishes to call attention to an historic fact of greatest interest, not only to the Lutheran Church in the South, but to the whole American Lutheran Church. The foundation for all the publishing interests of our church was laid in 1806, by the Rev. Ambrose Henkel, and for just one hundred years the printing plant at New Market, Va., now operated by his grandsons, Henkel & Co., has been used to further the best interests of the Church.

RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO UNITED SYNOD PUBLISHING COMPANY.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following recommendations to be adopted by this body :

(a) That the United Synod accept the proposition of the United Synod Publishing Company, and become the purchaser of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, *Tidings*, and all the interests of the said United Synod Publishing Company, in accordance with the proposition of said Company made to the Publishing Committee, May 14, 1906.

(b) That the United Synod elect a Publishing Committee of five to whose management and control shall be committed the completion of said purchase and the conduct and management of all the publishing interests of the United Synod, not otherwise provided for.

(c) That said Publishing Committee be authorized to arrange for the systematic canvass of congregations and individuals to procure the additional sum of $2,125 to complete the purchase price of $3,950, and to provide the sum of $1,500 toward the expenses of publishing the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and conducting the publishing interests of the United Synod for the first year.

(d) That the said Publishing Committee be authorized and instructed to apportion and raise among the district Synods annually the sum of $1,500 to be used at the discretion of the committee in publishing said *Lutheran Church Visitor* and conducting the publishing interests of the United Synod.

(e) That said Publishing Committee shall be charged with the duty of electing the editor and the business manager of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and of defining their duties.

RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO PICTURE CHARTS.

1. Your committee would recommend that the President and Treasurer of the United Synod be authorized and empowered to borrow the sum of $558.67 and pay the same to the Stecher Lithographic Company, of Rochester, New York, in discharge of the indebtedness of the United Synod to said company, as soon as the said company shall

have delivered to the United Synod or its authorized agents the set of thirteen charts necessary to complete the New Testament series.

2. That the Publishing Committee of the United Synod be instructed to use every possible means to sell the picture charts to the Sunday-schools of the United Synod.

W. L. SEABROOK,
GEO. B. CROMER,
R. C. HOLLAND,
C. M. EFIRD,
J. W. HORINE,
PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That the transfer herein provided for be completed whenever said amount of $3950 shall have been raised, and be so certified by said Publishing Committee as paid to the United Synod Publishing Company, and receipt therefor shall have been duly executed to the United Synod Publishing Committee.

The following committee was appointed to nominate a Publishing Committee: Revs. J. A. Morehead, R. L. Fritz, and Mr. A. H. Kohn.

The Committee on Orphan Home Debt reported. Report adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO PAY THE DEBT OF THE ORPHAN HOME.

Your committee begs to report:

1. A charter for the Home was secured, October 14, 1904, and was recorded in the office of the clerk of the court of Roanoke county, Va., October 22, 1904. A certified copy is herewith submitted as part of this report.

2. March 10, 1905, the corporation of this charter received the formal transfer of the Home—the children and all its assets.

3. The corporation, at this time, adopted certain fundamental principles for the government of the Home; which principles are to be a part of the rules and by-laws of the Home upon the approval of the United Synod, and will be presented by the Board to this Synod for adoption. A copy follows:

I. *Resolved*, That a committee, consisting of three, be appointed to prepare rules for the government of the corporation, said committee to report to the annual meeting of the corporation next preceding the meeting of the United Synod of the South, to be held in 1906, the

said rules to be submitted by the corporation to the United Synod for its approval; and, when approved, shall be effective.

II. *Resolved*, That the following six rules shall be a part of the report of said committee; and, pending the adoption of the said report by the United Synod, shall govern the corporation, to-wit:

1. The charter shall not be changed without the consent of the United Synod.

2. The Orphan Home and its curtilage, comprised in Sec. 19 of the Salem Improvement Co., cannot be sold or encumbered without the consent of the United Synod.

3. The corporation shall make reports to the regular meetings; and, if called upon, to special meetings of the United Synod; and the trustees shall make reports to the corporation annually, or as often as required.

4. The corporation shall carry out all the requirements of the United Synod, provided no such requirements shall violate the charter of the corporation.

5. Regular and systematic religious instruction shall be given the children, including Bible study and the Symbols of our church.

6. None of the five preceding rules shall be changed without the consent of the United Synod.

III. *Resolved*, That pending the adoption of the report of the aforesaid committee by the United Synod, the rules of the South View Orphan Home shall govern the corporation, except that the Treasurer shall make an itemized monthly report to the trustees of all receipts and disbursements.

IV. Indebtedness, July, 1904	$16 156 03	
Accrued interest, May, 1906	992 44	$17 148 47
Expense of committee to date		390 59
Total balance to date		$17 539 06
Cash collected	$10 108 76	
Pledges not due	3 110 00	$13 218 76
Balance to be provided		$ 4 321 30

To this must be added accruing interest and expense of committee until the work is consummated.

V. The Synod is much indebted to Messrs. Moffett & Fox, attorneys, at Salem, Va., for valuable services gratuitously rendered in effecting the settlement of all legal questions pertaining to the Orphan Home, and should give to these gentlemen a formal expression of thanks.

J. H. WILSON,
L. A. FOX,
CHAS. K. BELL.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF THE "LUTHERAN ORPHAN HOME OF THE UNITED SYNOD."

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, L. A. Fox, F. V. N. Painter, J. P. Houtz, R. W. Kime, T. J. Shickel, H. S. Trout, D. B. Strouse, A. M. Bowman, and Paul S. Davis, together with the other members of the corporation (the names of all the members being set forth in Section "H"-2 following), do hereby associate ourselves to establish a corporation under and by virtue of the provisions of "An Act Concerning Corporations," which became a law on the 21st day of May, 1903, for the purposes and under the corporate name hereinafter mentioned, and to that end we do by this, our certificate, set forth as follows :

Section "A": The name of the corporation is : "The Lutheran Orphan Home of the United Synod."

Section "B" : Its principal office is to be located at Salem, Roanoke county, Virginia.

Section "C" : The purposes for which the corporation is formed are as follows :

(1) To have, hold, equip, maintain and conduct in Roanoke county, Virginia, a home for the orphan children hereinafter defined ;

(2) To maintain, train, and educate such children living within the territorial limits of the "United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South," or elsewhere, as may come within the following conditions, giving preference to the order named :

(a) A child whose parents are both dead ;

(b) A child whose father or mother is dead ;

(c) A child whose parents are both living, but physically, financially, or otherwise unable to care for the child ;

(3) To have and maintain in connection with said home such instrumentalities as may be necessary to educate and train the children committed to the corporation.

Section "D": The number of Trustees who are to manage the affairs of the corporation shall be twenty.

Section "E": The names of the Trustees who are to manage the affairs of the corporation for the first year of its existence are L. G. M. Miller, Roanoke City, Virginia; H. S. Trout, Roanoke City, Virginia; Christopher Markley, Roanoke City, Virginia; F. V. N. Painter, Salem, Virginia ; L. A. Fox, Salem, Virginia ; T. J. Shickel, Salem, Virginia ; A. M. Bowman, Salem, Virginia ; J. P. Houtz, Salem, Virginia ; R. W. Kime, Salem, Virginia ; D. B. Strouse, Salem, Virginia ; J. E. Cooper, Winchester, Virginia ; A. L. Henkel, New

Market, Virginia; J, P. Gose, Burke's Garden, Virginia; A. D. R. Hancher, Staunton, Virginia; H. F. Scheele, Staunton, Virginia; R. C. Holland, Charlotte, North Carolina; C. B. King, Charlotte, North Carolina; M. M. Kinard, Knoxville, Tennessee; Paul S. Davis, Salem, Virginia; and L. L. Smith, Strasburg, Virginia.

Section "F": The period for the duration of the corporation is not limited.

Section "G": The amount of real estate to which its holdings at any one time is to be limited is ten thousand acres.

Section "H": The corporation is vested with all the powers, duties, and obligations imposed upon such corporations by the fourth chapter of the said Act entitled "An Act Concerning Corporations."

Section "H"-2: The said corporation shall be composed of not more than twenty-five members, each of whom shall be a member of the corporation no longer than he is a regular member of some Lutheran church co-operating with and within the territorial limits of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the South. The period of membership in the corporation shall be five years, except that the term of the persons hereinafter set forth in this section (who are the members of the corporation) shall be as follows:

T. J. Shickel, D. B. Strouse, A. L. Henkel, C. B. King, and J. H. Wertz—for one year.

H. S. Trout, R. W. Kime, H. F. Scheele, J. H. Wilson, and Paul S. Davis—for two years.

L. G. M. Miller, J. P. Houtz, A. D. R. Hancher, C. B. Miller, and J. P. Gose—for three years.

F. V. N. Painter, A. M. Bowman, M. M. Kinard, S. L. Keller, and L. L. Smith—for four years.

L. A. Fox, Christopher Markley, J. E. Cooper, J. W. Eberly, and R. C. Holland—for five years.

Section "H"-3: Vacancies occurring in the membership of the corporation, either by the expiration of the period of membership, or otherwise, shall be filled by themselves, making such selection, however, from the persons named by the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the South. All elections to fill vacancies except those occurring by expiration of the period of membership, shall be for the unexpired period of membership.

Section "H"-4: The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the corporation, and Trustees, shall be elected from the membership of the corporation by the members in meeting. The members of the corporation in meeting may remove any Trustee or other officer

elected or appointed by them respectively, or by the Board of Trustees, and fill the vacancy caused by such removal; but unless so removed, the Trustees and other officers shall continue in office until the expiration of the period for which they were respectively elected or appointed, and until their successors are elected or appointed.

Section "H"-5: The officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such others as may be necessary, who shall be annually elected by the members of the corporation in meeting, except for the first twelve months of the existence of the corporation the officers shall be as follows:

President, L. G. M. Miller, Roanoke City, Virginia.
Vice-President, L. A. Fox, Salem, Virginia.
Secretary, F. V. N. Painter, Salem, Virginia.
Treasurer, Paul S. Davis, Salem, Virginia.

A majority of the members of the corporation shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section "H"-6: The officers of the corporation shall be the respective officers of the Board of Trustees; the corporation shall have a common seal, and the President and Secretary shall execute all necessary legal papers by order of the corporation, or the Board of Trustees, as the nature of the case may require. The members of the corporation in meeting may pass by-laws for the management of the affairs of the corporation and its Board of Trustees, not inconsistent with this charter or the constitution and laws of this State or of the United States.

Section "H"-7: The said Trustees hereinbefore set forth in Section "E", shall hold office no longer than they remain members of the corporation and regular members of some Lutheran church co-operating with and within the territorial limits of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the South.

Section "H"-8: The said Trustees and their successors in office to a number not exceeding twenty, as a Board, shall fill vacancies in their own body, and in the officers of the corporation enumerated in Section "H"-4, from the membership of the corporation; provided, such vacancies occur otherwise than by removal by the members of the corporation in meeting. Vacancies, otherwise than by removal as aforesaid, in the other officers or agents of the corporation, may be filled by the Trustees outside of the membership of the corporation. Vacancies filled by the Board of Trustees shall be for the unexpired term.

Section "H"-9: The term of service of the Trustees shall be five-

years, except that the terms of the Trustees hereinbefore named shall be as follows :

For One Year—T. J. Shickel, A. L. Henkel, D. B. Strouse, C. B. King.

For Two Years—H. S. Trout, H. F. Scheele, R. W. Kime, Paul S. Davis.

For Three Years—L. G. M. Miller, J. P. Houtz, A. D. R. Hancher, J. P. Gose.

For Four Years—F. V. N. Painter, M. M. Kinard, A. M. Bowman, L. L. Smith.

For Five Years—L. A. Fox, R. C. Holland, J. E. Cooper, Christopher Markley.

Section "H"-10 : The Board of Trustees shall have power to remove from office any Trustee for neglect of duty or for immoral or other improper conduct, and shall remove any Trustee who ceases to be a regular member of some Lutheran church co-operating with and within the territorial limits of said Synod.

Section "H"-11 : The said Board of Trustees may hold meetings either within or without this State, and of the time and place of meeting each Trustee shall have notice, the character and mode of which shall be fixed by the laws of the corporation. The said Board shall meet at stated times at the Orphans' Home, and at any such other time as it may determine upon. At any meeting of the Trustees, (7) shall constitute a quorum.

Section " H "-12 : The Board of Trustees shall have all the powers vested by law in Boards of like character, and shall have charge of the affairs of the corporation and do all things necessary to carry into effect the interests, objects, and wishes of the corporation ; provided such action is authorized by this charter, the laws of the corporation, and the laws of this Commonwealth. The Board shall keep a record of its proceedings, and shall make full reports to the corporation at the annual meeting and such other times as may be required by the corporation. It may require, from any salaried officer or agent, bond with security conditioned upon the faithful performance of duty.

Section " H "-13 : Within the meaning of the purposes for which this corporation is formed, the word "orphan" shall be defined as

First, A child whose parents are both dead ;

Second, A child whose father or mother is dead ;

Third, A child whose parents are both living, but physically, financially, or otherwise unable to care for the child.

And within said meaning, the word "child" shall be defined as a person under the age of twenty-one years.

Section "H."-14: The said corporation shall, so far as allowed by law, have power to receive into its custody and retain under its control and management for such time as may be agreed upon in writing duly signed and acknowledged before any officer qualified to take acknowledgments of deeds, by the father, mother, or guardian (that is to say, the legal custodian of such child) any such orphan child as hereinbefore setforth. The children who shall so be received by the corporation shall from the time they are so received and until the expiration of the time agreed upon as aforesaid, unless sooner voluntarily dismissed by the corporation, and received by father, mother, or guardian, be free from the control of father, mother, or guardian.

Section "H"-15: The corporation is vested with all the rights of a parent, so far as allowed by law, over the orphan children committed to its care, and it may either (1) retain any such child in the Orphans Home, or (2) send the same to the public free schools of this State or other schools or colleges, or (3) secure for it a home or employment, or (4) apprentice or put it to service for a term of years, in either case as in the judgment of the Board of Trustees the welfare of the child may require. If a home or employment is secured, or if the child is apprenticed or put to service, the Board of Trustees shall require that it be humanely treated, and properly cared for, and the person with whom a child may be either so placed or bound, shall report to the Board of Trustees at stated periods to be named in the articles of agreement, the condition of the child, as well as the conduct of the same, and should such person fail to comply with the conditions of the agreement, the Board of Trustees shall immediately take charge of the child.

Given under our hands and seals this 14th day of October, 1904.

J. P. HOUTZ, (Seal)
F. V. N. PAINTER, (Seal)
L. A. FOX, (Seal)
R. W. KIME, (Seal)
T. J. SHICKEL, (Seal)
H. S. TROUT. (Seal)
D. B. STROUSE, (Seal)
A. M BOWMAN, (Seal)
PAUL S. DAVIS. (Seal)

STATE OF VIRGINIA,

Roanoke County, to-wit:

I, W. W. Moffett, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Roanoke county, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that L. A. Fox, F. V. N. Painter, J. P. Houtz, R. W. Kime, T. J. Shickel,

H. S. Trout, D. B. Strouse, A. M. Bowman, and Paul S. Davis, whose names are signed to the foregoing certificate of incorporation bearing date on the 14th day of October, 1904, have acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid.

Given under my hand as such Commissioner in Chancery, this 17th day of October, 1904.

W. W. MOFFETT,
Commissioner in Chancery.

VIRGINIA :

In vacation of the Circuit Court of Roanoke county :—

The foregoing certificate of incorporation of "The Lutheran Orphan Home of the United Synod" was presented to me, Henry E. Blair, Judge of the Circuit Court of Roanoke county, in vacation, and having been examined by me, I now certify that the said certificate for incorporation is, in my opinion, signed and acknowledged in accordance with an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled "An Act concerning corporations," which became a law on the 21st day of May, 1903. I further certify that the persons signing and acknowledging it are of good moral character, and suitable and proper persons to be incorporated for the purposes set forth in the certificate for incorporation.

Given under my hand this 17th day of October, 1904.

HENRY E. BLAIR.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION.

BEVERLEY T. CRUMP, Chairman. HENRY FAIRFAX. HENRY C. STUART.

CITY OF RICHMOND, 20th day of October, 1904.

The accompanying certificate for incorporation, together with a receipt showing payment of the charter fee required by law, having been presented to the State Corporation Commission by L. A. Fox, R. W. Kime, T. J. Shickel, H. S. Trout, D. B. Strouse, A. M. Bowman, Paul S. Davis, and the Hon. Henry E. Blair, Judge of the Circuit Court of Roanoke county, having certified that the said persons signing said certificate are of good moral character and suitable and proper persons to be incorporated for the purposes therein set forth, and that the said certificate has been signed and acknowledged by said applicants in accordance with law, the State Corporation Commission, having examined said certificate, now declares that the said applicants have complied with the requirements of law, and have entitled themselves to a charter, and it is therefore ordered that the said L. A. Fox,

R. W. Kime, T. J. Shickel, H. S. Trout, D. B. Strouse, A. M. Bowman, Paul S. Davis, and their associates and successors be, and they are hereby, made and created a body politic and corporate, under and by the name of The Lutheran Orphan Home of the United Synod upon the terms and conditions, and for the purposes set forth in said certificate, to the same extent as if the same were now herein transcribed in full (pursuant to the provisions of An Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled "An Act concerning corporations" which became a law the 21st day of May, 1903) and with all the powers and privileges conferred and subject to all the conditions and restrictions imposed by law.

And said certificate, with this order, is hereby certified to the Secretary of the Commonwealth for record.

(Seal)

JOHN A. UPSHUR, CLERK. BEVERLEY T. CRUMP, CHAIRMAN.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA:

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

In the CITY OF RICHMOND, the 22d day of October, 1904.

The foregoing charter of The Lutheran Orphan Home of the United Synod, was this day received and duly recorded in this office, and is hereby certified to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Roanoke county, according to law.

D. Q. EGGLESTON,
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEATH.

I, D. Q. EGGLESTON, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia, certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Charter of The Lutheran Orphan Home of the United Synod, recorded in this office on the 22d day of October A. D. 1904.

Given under my hand and the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth, at Richmond, this the twenty-fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four, and in the one hundred and twenty-ninth year of the Commonwealth.

(Seal) D. Q. EGGLESTON,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

On motion, this committee was continued for the next biennium. Committee: Revs. J. H. Wilson, L. G. M. Miller, B. W. Cronk, C. K. Bell, and L. A. Fox.

Report of Corporation of the Orphan Home submitted. Report adopted.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION OF THE LUTHERAN ORPHAN HOME OF THE UNITED SYNOD.

The Corporation provided for by the new charter of the Lutheran Orphan Home of the United Synod met at Salem, Va., March 10, 1905; and received the property of the Southern Orphan Home (some time called the Lutheran Orphans' Home) at Salem, Va.

The rules prepared by your Synod's committee, appointed to secure the property to the United Synod and to conduct the canvass for raising money to pay the debt on the Southern Orphan Home, were adopted, pending the action of your body. These rules have been read in the report of that committee. At this meeting Rev. L. G. M. Miller tendered his resignation as president and Rev. L. A. Fox, the vice-president, was made president, and Col. A. M. Bowman vice-president.

The attention of your body is called to the facts that the charter provides for twenty-five members of the Corporation, each of whom shall be a member of the Corporation no longer than he is a member of some Lutheran church co-operating with and within the territorial limits of the United Synod. The period of membership in the Corporation shall be five years, except that the term of the persons now members shall be divided into five classes, holding office for one, two, three, four and five years.

Vacancies occurring in the membership of the Corporation either by the expiration of the term of membership or otherwise are filled by the Corporation from persons named by the United Synod. (Sec. H-2 and Sec. H-3.)

The term of five members expires at this meeting of the Synod and five more one year hence. It will be necessary for the Synod to nominate at least five to be elected by the Corporation at the first meeting after your adjournment and five to be elected at the meeting in 1907.

The Board of Trustees had two meetings, one in March, 1905, and the other in June, 1906. At the former meeting, Prof. J. T. Crabtree was elected Superintendent for one year. He was re-elected for a like term at the latter. His report to the Board was printed in full in the *Orphan Home Messenger*. By permission it has been read to your body and copies distributed among your members.

One of the rules proposed by your committee and adopted by the Corporation provided for a committee to be appointed by the Corporation to formulate rules for the management of the Home to be sub-

mitted to this meeting. It was agreed that the rules of the Southview Orphan Home should be in force until you had proposed others. The meeting of the Corporation called for this time and place could not be held for the lack of a quorum. In lieu of the rules to be submitted to your body by the Corporation the old rules are herewith presented. These rules were adopted by the old Board to meet conditions as they were learned by experience. It may be a question whether good working and workable rules can be formed in any other way.

The Board of Trustees appointed an Executive Committee composed of the officers of the Corporation with one additional member to audit all accounts before they are paid, and to transact all other necessary business between the sessions of the Board.

I may be permitted to say from personal observation that the management of the Home has been very satisfactory.

During the year there were several bequests. Particulars in regard to them can be found in the report of the superintendent. That of Mrs. Roedel, the widow of Prof. W. D. Roedel who was one of the founders of the old General Synod, South, deserves special mention, and also that of Miss Cole who bequeathed her entire estate to the Home.

In launching the Home under the new charter there were necessarily some irregularities, but hereafter we hope to have regular meetings and regular reports.

L. A. FOX,
PRES. CORPORATION.

It was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to nominate at least *ten* to the corporation of the Orphan Home for membership in it, five to be elected at the next meeting of the corporation and five at the meeting in 1907.

Committee: Revs. W. J. Smith, W. R. Brown, and Mr. J. W. Jenny.

The Committee on Letters reported. Pending its consideration, report was recommitted.

Synod then entered into an election to determine the *place* of the next meeting of this body, and the Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., was chosen.

The following Publishing Committee was nominated and elected:

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, to nominate a Publishing Committee for the ensuing biennium, beg leave to report as follows: Revs. W. L. Seabrook, J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., LL. D., and J. W. Horine, D. F. Efird, and Geo. B. Cromer, LL. D.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MOREHEAD,
A. H. KOHN,
R. L. FRITZ.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the thanks of the United Synod be cordially tendered to Mr. John A. Cline for his able and unselfish aid in serving the Board of Missions as Treasurer.

2. That the Secretary be instructed to convey to Messrs. Moffett & Fox, of Salem, Va., the hearty thanks of this Synod for important legal services rendered in behalf of our Orphan Home.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. H. Kohn.

At 8:30 p. m., altar service was conducted by Rev. S. C. Ballentine. Sermon by Rev. Geo. S. Bowers from Matt. 20, 28.

EIGHTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1906, 9 A. M.

Synod convened, and was opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. E. H. Kohn.

Minutes of the sessions of yesterday read and approved.

Tuesday before the second Sunday in October, 1908, at 8 p. m., was chosen as the *time* of next meeting of this Synod.

The Report of the Publishing Committee was submitted, and finally adopted, with the following resolutions:

1. That to the conserving of the best interests of the publishing cause of the United Synod, it is of the highest importance that it own and operate its own publishing house.

2. It is the sense of this Synod that it own as soon as practicable its

own printing plant, if the same shall be approved by Publication Committee.

REPORT OF PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, A proposition has been laid before this committee, by private parties from Columbia, respecting the purchase of a property in said city for the purpose of furthering the publication interests of this Synod :

Resolved, That having heard and considered the aforesaid proposition, this committee report it with its approval to Synod, and request that its acceptance be authorized.

W. L. SEABROOK, CHAIRMAN.
July 13, 1906. GEO. B. CROMER, SECRETARY.

The Committee on District Synods reported. Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT SYNODS.

Your committee find nothing in the Minutes of the District Synods claiming the special attention of this body. The Minutes are interesting reading. They reveal a spirit of progress and development on all lines of Christian activity, most gratifying. On the subject of missions and church extension, we note increasing interest and, for their support, growing liberality. We recommend :

1. That the United Synod request the Secretaries of the District Synods to furnish biennially to this body a list of the missions under the care of their Synods with suitable statistics for incorporation in the Minutes of the United Synod.

2. That a statistical secretary be appointed who shall report to this body.

W. C. SCHAEFFER,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
J. W. EARGLE.

Under recommendations of this report, Rev. Geo. H. Cox was elected Statistical Secretary.

The Committee on Minutes of Last Synod submitted the following report, which was adopted, with the answers affixed :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

We, your Committee on Minutes of Last Convention of this Synod, beg to report as follows :

1. On page 58, we read that a committee, consisting of the Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., was appointed to represent this body on joint committee in arranging for another conference of representatives of the Lutheran bodies of this country. Has this committee any report?—(See report following this report.)

2. On page 116, we find that the various Synods were requested to set apart two Sundays in each year—Whit-Sunday for Foreign Missions, and the second Sunday in November for Home Missions—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose. Has this been done? Yes.

3. On page 124 is a record of a paper on "Divorce and Remarriage" which was printed in Minutes for consideration at this convention. Is the Synod ready to consider this at this time? No; and paper ordered printed in Minutes.

4. On page 125, we find that notice was given that at this meeting a motion will be made to change Article V. of the Constitution, which calls for the election of officers immediately after the reading of the President's Report, so that the election will be postponed until the last session of Synod. Will this resolution be offered? Answered, No. Respectfully submitted,

M. O. J. KREPS,
E. L. WESSINGER,
W. R. BROWN,
N. F. SNARR,
JOHN C. SEEGERS,

REPORT ON GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Your representative on the Joint Committee on General Conferences, said committee being composed of one member from the General Council, one from the General Synod, and one from the United Synod, would report that during this biennium the committee thought it inadvisable to call another conference. This conclusion was the result of the probability of the meeting of the World's Conference of Lutherans in the United States, and for other reasons. The committee in view of conditions will meet in the near future to consider the question of calling another conference. As your representative, I would suggest that our action of two years ago (see Minutes of 1904, page 56) be reaffirmed, and that this United Synod heartily enter into calling another conference.

L. L. SMITH,
Representative of the United Synod on Joint Committee.

Adopted.

Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., was reappointed our representative on the Joint Committee of General Conference.

The following paper on Divorce was ordered to be again printed in our Minutes:

DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE.

The attitude of the Church of Christ in regard to the sacredness of the marriage bond and its indissoluble character should be made clear and unmistakable. In view of the revival of the agitation of this subject in this country, it is proper that the United Synod should give utterance to what it believes is the teaching of the Scriptures, and that in terms unequivocal.

In the perview of the State marriage is a civil contract and nothing more. Decrees of divorce affect such contract only in its civil aspect. Therefore an annulment by the State of the bonds of marriage can have no binding effect upon the conscience of the Church of Christ, which resting upon the Holy Scriptures, recognizes in marriage an institution ordained of God and hedged about with divine sanctions and limitations.

While the Church cannot but look with disfavor upon the facility with which the bonds of marriage are dissolved under the laws of the State, because of its natural effect in begetting a perverted view of the character of the marital bond, yet it is not in our province to dictate to the State how it shall deal with this subject viewed as simply a contract between citizens of the commonwealth. It is our duty, however, as Churchmen to consider marriage as more than a civil contract and to so act as to emphasize its divine and Scriptural character.

The special function of the Church therefore is to inculcate by faithful teachings, proper sentiments as to the sacredness of the marriage relation as of divine sanction, and through its ministry to testify to the indissolubleness of the marital bond by declining to officiate at remarriage of divorced parties while both are living.

Viewed in the light of Scripture, marriage is an engagement as long as both parties do live, and the vow prescribed in the ritual so affirms. While for one specified cause and perhaps also for willful desertion, there may be a proper dissolution of that bond and of all obligations growing out of such marriages, there is no Scriptural warrant for either party to remarry, while the other is living. Therefore no minister of the Church of Christ should officiate at the remarriage of divorced parties, unless he is assured that the marriage bond has been dissolved by God himself—that is by the death of one of the parties.

The following paper from the Woman's Missionary Convention was read:

To the United Synod of the South,

DEAR BRETHREN:—Whereas the women of the Missionary Conference of the United Synod have pledged themselves to unfaltering effort in behalf of the $20,000 movement until such time as the original purpose shall have been accomplished; and in consideration of the fact that $10,000 of this amount, when realized, will be devoted to the much-needed school for Japan, and since the probable contributors to this fund can best be reached through the aid of the pastors; therefore,

Resolved, That expressing grateful appreciation of the sympathetic support extended by this body in the furtherance of this movement in the past, we beg that it will take such action as in its wisdom will best secure the personal interest and co-operation of each pastor of this United Synod in having a special offering made to this fund at the Christmastide, this being the season decided on by this conference for special effort in behalf of this movement.

MRS. M. O. J. KREPS,
MRS. R. C. HOLLAND,
COMMITTEE.

It was

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the reading of the foregoing letter from the Ladies' Missionary Convention, and that the requests made therein be referred to the Mission Board of this Synod for action.

The following was submitted and adopted on Committee on Common Book of Worship:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Your committee would report the following:

We have carefully examined the financial exhibits contained in the report of the Committee on Common Book of Worship and all vouchers handed us in connection therewith, and find the same to be correct.

We would recommend that the statements made by the committee respecting its efforts in pursuance of a resolution passed by this body at its last session, touching the preparation and publication of a music edition of the Book of Worship be construed as a report of progress, and that the committee be instructed to continue its work in this direc-

tion, looking to the time when the Synod shall deem itself financially able to undertake the work of presenting to our congregations a completed music edition ; and that our pastors and congregations be advised to procure and use in the meantime "Church Song" containing the "Chorister's Index" now being prepared by Mr. Opp and referred to in the report of the committee.

We further recommend that the four recommendations of the committee be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. BOWERS,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
H. L. BONHAM.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following report :

A meeting of the committee, following the adjournment of Synod, was held in New Market, Va., on July 31, 1904 The committee organized by the election of J. W. Horine, chairman. The transactions of the committee may be grouped under three heads : 1. Old Edition of Book of Worship ; 2. Hymnal ; 3. New Edition of Book of Worship.

1. OLD EDITION OF BOOK OF WORSHIP.

In view of the adoption of the Hymnal prepared by the Joint Committee as the Hymnal of the United Synod (Minutes of 1904, page 49, par. 4), and in view of the instructions to your committee (page 49, par. 5) that they have the Hymnal printed, "provided that it can be printed in a form which will admit of its being bound with the first part of the present Book of Worship, and provided further that the committee can make the necessary financial arrangements," the chairman of the committee was authorized, as a first step, to make a loan for the United Synod ; make settlement with Mr. E. H. Aull, and thus terminate the existing contract.

In pursuance of this authorization, the chairman entered into communication with Mr. Aull and received from him a detailed statement of his present stock of bound copies and folded sheets. A committee resident in Newberry was appointed to make an inventory of the stock, but as the books were already boxed for shipment to whatever point your committee might direct, the Newberry committee recommended, after conferring with Mr. Aull, that the statement submitted by him be accepted as correct. This report was deemed satisfactory, and on October 11, 1904, the chairman of your committee gave a note, signed by him as chairman of the Common Service Committee of and for the United Synod and endorsed by Mr. John F. Ficken, to the South

Carolina Loan and Trust Co., of Charleston, S. C., for $348.08. On the same date Mr. E. H. Aull was handed a check for the said amount in settlement of his contract and as purchase price of his stock of Book of Worship, both the bound copies and those in sheets. The statement of Mr. Aull, receipted by him, is as follows :

NEWBERRY, S. C., AUG. 2, 1904.

COMMITTEE COMMON SERVICE, J. W. HORINE, *Chairman*,
TO ELBERT H. AULL, *Superintendent*.

39	Copies Jap. Limp, Pulp. comb . . . . . @	$1 52	$59 28	
5	Copies Eng. Turk. Ex. Gilt . . . . . @	1 21	6 05	
25	Copies Eng. Turk. Pulp. comb. . . . @	2 28	57 00	
15	Copies Arabesque Gilt, Pulp. comb. . . @	1 18	17 70	
18	Copies Ara. Gilt, Pulp. comb . . . . . @	75	13 53	
7	Copies Eng. Calf, Small comb . . . . @	2 15	15 05	
37	Copies Jap. Limp, Small comb. . . . . @	95	35 15	
29	Copies Eng. Turk. Small comb. . . . @	1 45	42 05	
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				$248 71
	Royalty 1 copy Eng. Turk.	$ 10		
	2 copies Jap. Limp	20		30
480	Folded sheets, 24 Mo. . . . . @	15	$72 00	
16	Folded, sewed and sprinkled . . . . @	20	3 20	
4	Sewed and edges gilded . . . . . @	27	1 08	
46	Sewed for cloth binding . . . . . @	20	9 20	
43	Folded and sewed, 24 Mo. . . . . @	33	14 19	
				99 67
				$348 68

Upon securing possession of the books, sheets, and stereotype plates, your committee negotiated with the United Synod Publishing Co., Columbia, S. C., and entered into an agreement with them whereby they should act as agents and distributors of the Book of Worship, receiving therefor a commission of 4 per cent. on the amount of all sales made by them, and being reimbursed by this committee for all expenses of insurance, wrapping, shipping and other incidentals of sale, the said agreement to remain in force until this present meeting of the United Synod. The aforesaid agreement received the signatures of both parties on Oct. 12, 1904, and the books were delivered by Mr. Aull to the said United Synod Publishing Co., who at once advertised them and placed them on sale at a reduced price agreed upon by your committee in view of the expected appearance of the

Hymnal, which should form the second part of a new edition of the Book of Worship. From time to time, as the publication of the Hymnal neared completion and when it eventually appeared, further reductions in the selling price were made in the effort to close out the old stock.

The stereotype plates of the Book of Worship, together with the sheets reported by Mr. Aull, being in the possession of the Everett Waddey Co., Richmond, Va., who had been printing and binding the Book of Worship, your committee entered into correspondence with said company and contracted with them to continue the work of publication. As need arose, the books in sheets held by them were bound up and shipped to the United Synod Publishing Co. The following exhibit will show the transactions of your committee in this regard to date :

THE COMMON SERVICE COMMITTEE
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE EVERETT WADDEY CO.

Bills rendered and paid.

Dec. 3, 1904.	Binding 100 copies	$11 00
Jan. 17, 1905.	Binding 300 copies	39 00
Apr. 27, 1905.	Binding 126 copies	24 86
Oct. 11, 1905.	Binding 22 copies	3 30
Feb. 21, 1906.	Shipment of plates	1 00
		$79 16

The above receipted bills accompany this report.

THE COMMON SERVICE COMMITTEE IN ACCOUNT
WITH THE UNITED SYNOD PUBLISHING CO.

(*Condensed from* (4) *statements filed herewith.*)

OCT. 18, 1904, TO JAN. 18, 1905.—SALES BOOK OF WORSHIP.

282 copies	$105 85
Amt. uncollected	26 75
Cash receipts	$79 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Check to E. W. Co	$11 00	
Check to J. W. Horine (for E. W. Co.)	39 00	
Freight, postage, and commission	8 82	
Total expense	58 82	
Balance due committee		$20 28

JAN. 21 to JUNE 20, 1905.—SALES.

380 copies		$170 05
Amt. uncollected		20 25
Cash receipts		$149 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Check to E W. Co	$24 36	
Adv'g, postage, etc	30 74	
Total expense	55 10	
Balance due committee		$94 70

JUNE 20 TO OCT. 19, 1905.—SALES.

71 copies		$58 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Check to E. W. Co	$ 3 30	
Other expenses	9 46	
Total expense	12 76	
Amt. due committee		$45 69

OCT. 19, 1905, TO JULY 1, 1906.

Sales		$16 09
Expense	8 15	
Amt. due committee		$7 94

RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED SYNOD PUBLISHING CO.

Jan. 23, 1905	$20 28
June 20, 1905	94 70
Oct. 9, 1905	45 69
July 1, 1906	7 94
Total receipts	$168 61

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid on Note in Bank.

Oct. 11, 1905	$116 23	
Oct. 26, 1905	45 69	
	$161 92	
Balance		$6 69
Check in hand		7 94
Error in favor of committee		$1 25

It will be seen from the above statement that there remains $186.16 (not including accrued interest to date) to be paid on the note in bank. Provision should be made for the payment of this note inasmuch as proceeds from sale of left-over stock of old edition will be insufficient.

PRESENT STOCK.

The present stock of the old Book of Worship is as follows:

Large Edition.

Arabesque, gilt, single	29
Arabesque, gilt, comb	1
Jap. Limp, comb	39
Eng. Turk, comb	21
Total	90

THE OLD PLATES.

When the contract for publishing the new Book of Worship was given a Philadelphia concern, the Everett Waddey Co., by order of your committee (January 9, 1906), shipped the old plates of both the small and large editions to that city. The plates of the first or service part of the 24 mo. book were used in the publication of the new edition. The plates of the first or service part of the 12 mo. book are being reserved for future use in the publication of a pulpit edition. The old plates of the hymns were condemned and ordered to be melted and the metal sold. The proceeds from this sale will be placed to the credit of your committee.

In leaving this subject we call your special attention to the fact that royalties on sales have ceased to be paid. The present Book of Worship is published by your committee, and all profits accruing from sales will flow into the treasury of this body.

2. HYMNAL.

A meeting of the Joint Committee on a Common Service was held in the city of Philadelphia on Sept. 9, 1904. A representative of your committee was present. The principal business before the meeting was in connection with the new Hymnal and with the request of this Synod to obtain and publish the same. It may be well at this place to review the history of this request. It may be learned from the following transcripts of the various minutes of the Joint Committee, referring to the publication of the Hymnal by this body, and the relation of the other general bodies to it.

June 11, 1902. "Dr. Voigt spoke of great desire for the Hymnary on the part of the churches of the South."

November 5, 1902. "The Secretary was authorized to answer the committee of the United Synod thus: The committee has substantially completed its lists of hymns; it remains to settle the text of the hymns and to re-examine the whole; and the committee hopes that its work may be ready for submission to the three General Bodies a year hence; but it would not be proper for the committee to assent to its publication without the authorization of the bodies they represent."

April 21, 1903. "The committee reported the MS. of the Hymn-book."

April 22, 1903. "The committee adopted a statement or report to be laid before the three General Bodies in which the following words occur: 'The MS. of the Hymn-book has been completed and a synopsis and index of it are herewith submitted, with a statement of the principles which have governed its preparation and of the sources from which it has been derived. Your committee does not ask for your final approval of the Hymn-book, but has submitted it at this time because the committee of the United Synod has urgently asked permission to print it for the use of the churches of that body. Unable to grant this request, the Joint Committee hereby reports it to the General Bodies with its approval.'"

At the meeting, then, held in Philadelphia, Sept. 9, 1904, it was reported that the three General Bodies had approved the request of the United Synod to be allowed to print the Hymnal for its use. The following action was thereupon taken:

"It was resolved that the President and Secretary are authorized to hand the MS. to the committee of the United Synod to be printed for the use of the churches of that body, and are directed to state to that body in writing that this MS. has not been offered for final action to the two Northern bodies."

"That a copyright of this Hymn-book, if printed, be secured in the name of the *Joint Committee, for the use of the General Bodies.*"

"That our approval of the text is conditioned on the committee having seen and approved the proofs before stereotyping. That copies of the final proof be sent to the Secretary and be by him distributed to the members of the committee, and that a meeting of this Joint Committee be called for a date not less than two weeks afterwards."

It was also resolved that "the first proofs are to be read by the subcommittee" appointed for that purpose, and that "the Secretary is directed to charge to the two Northern bodies the necessary expense of keeping the proofs in type."

In accordance with the first of the above resolutions, the President of the Joint Committee, the Rev. Dr. E. J. Wolfe, and its Secretary, the Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn, under date of Dec. 15, 1904, notified your committee that the MS. of the Hymnal was at their disposal under the conditions annexed, i. e., the conditions contained in the series of resolutions mentioned above.

In anticipation of this event, your committee, several months previously, had entered into correspondence with three publishing firms, calling for bids for the publication of the Hymnal and Book of Worship. The terms offered by the Publication Board of the General Council, Philadelphia, Pa., were the most advantageous. They were accepted. The estimate for making the electrotype plates (submitted on Sept. 23, 1904,) is as follows:

Plates made from hand set type	96c. per page.
Plates made from machine set type	73c. per page.
Alterations in type	65c. per hour.
Alterations in plates	75c. per hour.
Plate boxes	80c. per box.

Cash 2 per cent. in 30 days.

The machine set type was judged sufficient for our purpose, the work was awarded, and the MS. was promptly turned over to Mr. C. B. Opp, manager of the Publication Board. The first proof (95 hymns) was received several months later, and new bundles of proof were received at like long intervals. The causes of delay were various and vexatious. Some of them, in the circumstances, were unavoidable. Finally, however, on Dec. 27, 1905, a complete proof copy of the Hymnal was issued and placed in the hands of the committee for examination and review.

Allowance having been made for the two weeks provided for by resolution, the Joint Committee met, at the call of the Secretary, in Philadelphia, Jan. 22, 1906. A representative of your committee was in attendance. The Hymnal was subjected to a rigid scrutiny, hymn by hymn and page by page, and some changes in the hymns (nine or ten) were suggested and made. The word *Hymnal* was substituted for the word *Hymns* on the title page. A table of hymns which had been prepared, was adopted. It was ordered that two copies of the complete book, when published, should be furnished each member of the committee at the committee's expense; and it was furthermore informally agreed that the book should go before the entire church as "the Hymn-book of the United Synod, prepared by the Joint Committee and published for the use of the United Synod by permission

of the General Bodies, although not yet finally adopted by those bodies."

NEW EDITION OF THE BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Having received assurances from Mr. C. B. Opp, manager of the General Council Publication House, that the work would be done at the lowest possible prices consistent with good workmanship, he was given an order to print an edition of 3,000 copies of the Book of Worship, containing the Hymnal, on selected paper, bind 2,500 copies in cloth with half leather back, and reserve the remaining books in sheets for other styles of binding. This order was given on Feb. 26, 1906. On April 6, 1906, a first installment of 500 copies was received at Columbia, S. C., by the United Synod Publishing Co , who had been retained as distributing agents of the new book at a commission of 5 per cent. These books were used to fill orders already filed. The remainder of the edition was delivered within a few weeks, the last lot having been shipped on or about the first of May.

Meanwhile, on March 12, 1906, an order was placed with the publishers for 500 copies in the better styles of binding, viz.:

SINGLE VOLUME.

100 copies in Arabesque, gilt.
100 copies in Eng. Turk., ex. gilt.

COMBINATION SETS.

100 copies in Eng. calf.
200 copies in Eng. Turk., ex. gilt.

These books were received and placed on sale shortly before Whitsunday.

The expense in the production of this edition of 3,000 copies was as follows :

Composition, electrotyping, etc. (less 2 per cent.)	$ 378 09
Paper, printing, and binding (cloth) (less 2 per cent.)	697 14
Special bindings, 500 copies, (less 2 per cent.)	593 90
Incidental expenses	15 00
Total	$1684 13

The above expense of publication has been fully met. The receipted bills accompany this report.

The receipts of your committee have been :

From United Synod Pub. Co. (sales)	$ 700 00
Loan from Otto Tiedeman, Sr	378 09
Loan from Otto Tiedeman, Sr., (discounted note)	584 70
Personal check of chairman	9 20

Personal check of chairman	7 25
Personal check of chairman	4 89
Total	$1684 13

To Mr. Otto Tiedeman, Sr., who advanced the funds to pay the printer's bills, is due from your committee and this Synod our grateful thanks. To him the chairman gave two notes; one for $378.09, payable in one year without interest, and one for $593.90, at regular rate of interest and payable in 90 days.

The following is the statement submitted by the United Synod Publishing Co., July 1, 1906.

SALES OF BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Cloth (half leather) copies	2026
As premiums of United Synod Publishing Co., copies	16
Total	2042
Arabesque, gilt	26
Turk. Morocco, single	16
Turk. Morocco, comb	18
Brown calf	8
Mouse calf	6

AMOUNT OF SALES.

Cloth	$1213 60
Arabesque, gilt	21 00
Turk. Moroc., single	32 25
Turk. Moroc., comb	49 60
Brown calf	24 60
Mouse calf	19 10
Total	$1360 15

COLLECTIONS.

Cloth	$851 60
Arabesque, gilt	1 00
Turk. Moroc., single	7 50
Turk. Moroc., comb	7 00
Total	$867 10
Amount uncollected	$493 05

EXPENSES.

Drayage	$ 2 55
Express	35 56

Freight	13 83
Postage	4 19
Wrapping paper	1 25
File for accounts	3 00
Advertising	5 00
Insurance of stock	13 20
Commission	42 92
Total	$121 50
By (4) checks	700 00
	$821 50
Cash receipts	867 10
Due committee, July 1, 1906	$ 45 60

A check for amount due committee accompanies this report.

The stock of Book of Worship (new edition) on hand July 1, 1906, is as follows :

STYLE OF BINDING.	COPIES.
Cloth	458
Arabesque, gilt	75
Morocco, single	83
Morocco, combination	182
Brown calf, combination	42
Mouse calf, combination	44

Your committee has fixed the following schedule of prices :

STYLE OF BINDING SINGLE VOLUME.	PER COPY RETAIL PRICE.	PER COPY SPECIAL PRICE TO CONGREGATION ORDERING 12 COPIES OR MORE.	PER COPY TO DEALERS.
Cloth	$ 75	$ 60	$ 55
Arabesque	1 00	80	70
Morocco	2 50	2 00	1 75
COMBINATION.			
Morocco	3 50	2 80	2 50
Calf	4 00	3 20	2 75

In lots of 12 to 49, carriage extra ; 50 to 100, carriage prepaid.

NOTE.—The special discount is allowed to dealers on the distinct understanding that the cloth copies purchased by them are not to be rebound in the more expensive styles and sold by them at advanced prices.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The imprint of the new Book of Worship (on the title page of both the Service and Hymnal) is that of the committee. It is changed to

"Charleston, S. C.:
Committee of United Synod on Common Book of Worship.
1906."

The copyright of the Hymnal is that of the Joint Committee. It reads :

Copyright, 1906, by
The Joint Committee in Trust for the General Bodies.
All rights reserved."

It was found advisable to insert the appendix (Constitution of United Synod) at the end of the Service half of the Book instead of after the Index of Hymns.

On request of Mr. C. B. Opp, Manager of the General Council Publication House, permission was given to insert the imprint of the General Council Press on the reverse side of the title page. Your committee is deeply indebted to Mr. Opp for expert advice and many favors. He has given his personal attention to the work and has accomplished it in a manner highly creditable to himself and entirely satisfactory to your committee.

A special price was quoted the United Synod Publishing Co. on the cloth edition for a limited period, in order that a copy of the Book of Worship might be offered as a premium to new subscribers to the *Lutheran Church Visitor* at the regular subscription rate.

The Joint Committee sustained a severe loss in the death of its President, the Rev. E. J. Wolfe, D. D., LL. D , which occurred at Gettysburg, Pa., Jan. 10, 1905. He is succeeded in the presidency by the Rev. Chas. S. Albert, D. D., of Philadelphia.

The Joint Committee is still engaged in the work of preparing Common Ministerial Acts. The work has progressed but slowly. There seems to be a disposition, however, to prosecute it more diligently. When the various Orders are ready to be reported to the General Bodies and have been adopted by them, we will have at least a truly Common Book of Worship—Service, Acts, and Hymns.

This report would be incomplete without an acknowledgment of our sense of obligation to the Rev. Edward T. Horn, D. D., LL. D., Secretary of the Joint Committee, for his invaluable counsel and constant aid in the preparation and publication of the Hymnal and Book of Worship. The chairman alone, perhaps, knows the full extent of our indebtedness to him.

The chairman of this committee reports that in the discharge of his duties he has incurred the following expense :

Postage	$ 4 54
Freight and Drayage	1 85
Traveling exp. to Philadelphia and return	25 00
Personal check (3)	21 34
Total	$52 73

At the New Market meeting of this Synod, this committee was instructed "to prepare music for our Hymnal and report at our next meeting a plan for publishing the same" (Minutes of 1904, page 53). On account of the late appearance of the Hymnal and the fixing of the text of the Hymns, your committee was not able to carry out your instructions. Permit us to add, that in looking more closely into the task you had assigned us, your committee was fairly staggered by its difficulty and magnitude. For this reason we take the liberty to suggest that the duty of preparing a music edition, if such be the pleasure of the Synod, be referred either to an enlarged committee or to a special committee appointed for that purpose. We are confident, however, that Synod will not proceed to publish a music edition until there are on hand sufficient funds to warrant the undertaking. An idea of the expense involved may be gathered from the following estimate, which we submit for your information. In answer to a note of inquiry, Mr. Opp writes: "Regarding the edition with music, I assume that the Liturgic portion, as well as the Hymn portion, is to be set with music, thus necessitating a uniform price per page throughout. With this understanding, I called on a music typographer and obtained a quotation of about $2.50 or $2.75 per page, dependent somewhat on the size of type used. Thus a book of, say, 800 pages at $2.50 per page, will be in the neighborhood of $2,000. The cost of copyright of tunes would have to be added, and that amount might be much or little according to the value set upon tunes secured by copyright by the owners thereof."

When we remember that the quoted price of $2,000 is the initial cost—that of plates alone—and that the cost of copyrights, paper, presswork and binding must be added, and when we remember that your committee has been obliged to contract a debt of about $,1000 which is still outstanding, we venture to express the hope that Synod will not issue mandatory instructions to this committee to proceed immediately to the preparation and publication of a book with tunes. It may, however, not be out of place to say that Mr. Opp, for the General Council Publication House, is having prepared for "Church Song" (a book of hymn tunes compiled and edited by the late Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss) a Chorister's Index for our Book, as well as such addi-

tional tunes as are needed for meters found in our Book of Worship and not already provided for in Church Song. The retail price of the book is $1 per copy and postage 12c., and by the dozen 80c., not prepaid. This price would put a complete and very excellent music book in the reach of all our congregations and go far toward supplying the present and urgent demand.

There is also a growing demand for a pulpit edition, or at least a book printed in larger type. Mr. Opp writes that the cost of composition and electrotyping the large size book would be at the rate of $1.20 per page for the hymn portion ; for the index and tabular matter, $2.20 per page. The cost per copy for paper, presswork, and binding would be approximately as follows :

Roan, Arabesque, plain	$ 75
Roan, Arabesque, gilt	85
Imitation Morocco	1 30
Full Morocco	2 50

It will be seen from these figures that the publication of the large size would require an outlay of not less than $2,000 for even a limited edition. In the judgment of your committee, without presuming to instruct the Synod, an edition of the large size should be issued as soon as your committee sees its way clear, financially, to do so.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We respectfully recommend to this Synod :

1. That the acts of this committee be approved, and that Synod thereby endorse the obligations assumed by this committee in the publication of the Hymnal and Book of Worship, as per the instructions of Synod.

2. That for the present, or until the next convention of this Synod, the money received from the sale of books be allowed to remain in the hands of the committee to defray expense of publication.

3. That the unpaid balance on the note in bank ($186.16) executed to make settlement with Mr. E. H. Aull, be paid out of proceeds from sales of present Book of Worship.

4. That the bill of expense rendered by the chairman of this committee, be ordered to be paid by the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. HORINE,
L. A. FOX,
R. C. HOLLAND.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. to-day. Prayer by Rev. W. R. Brown.

NINTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1906, 2 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. B. Greiner, D. D.

The Committee on Literary Institutions reported. Report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Literary Institutions, would report as follows:

NEWBERRY COLLEGE.

The semi-centennial of the founding of Newberry College has been marked with the signal blessing of God. A fine gymnasium was completed during the year, and a $10,000 building for the new department of Technology is now under construction. The equipment now includes five college buildings proper, three professors' residences, and a boarding hall for students. Last April, Dr. D. K. Pearsons offered $25,000 to the further endowment of the college, on conditions that will assuredly be fulfilled. Thirty friends of the institution have joined in adding $20,000 to the endowment. and this amount is now bearing interest. Mr. Andrew Carnegie in April gave $10,000 to the technical department, which was founded a year ago chiefly through the active generosity of Capt. Jacob Paulsen, of Savannah. The number of students has increased during the last biennium from 164 to 211, the largest enrollment in the history of Newberry College. The current receipts for the year just closed show a total of over $12,000 as against $7,000 two years ago. The faculty has been strengthened until it now includes a teaching force of eleven and a librarian. The constituency of the college has widened, and the curriculum has been raised and broadened. The college is owned and controlled by the Synod of South Carolina, whose loyalty is deserving of the highest praise. The service which Newberry has rendered to the church at large may be gathered by a glimpse at the roll of the present session of the United Synod. And the institution has obviously entered upon a new era of service to the church, as this brief report will indicate.

ROANOKE COLLEGE.

The progress of Roanoke College during the past biennium has been symmetrical and quite noteworthy. The entrance requirements have been raised. The faculty of the college has been enlarged, the number of professors and instructors now being fifteen. A new depart-

ment of education has been established to give expert training in pedagogy in response to the growing demand upon the college to furnish men well equipped for the profession of teaching. The movement to raise $50,000 additional endowment to provide new professorships is receiving much encouragement. The friends of the college are fully determined to provide the $35,000 necessary to secure Mr. Carnegie's gift of $25,000. This body must rejoice in the fidelity with which the two synods in Virginia are standing by Roanoke College in its struggle for entrance upon an era of far wider usefulness. The past session, the college achieved an enrollment of 202 resident students—the largest in its history. But while emphasizing educational efficiency and while encouraged by its growing work, Roanoke College stands above all for *Christian* education under the care of the Lutheran Church. The recently issued catalogue of Alumni indicates that Roanoke has sent forth 569 graduates, of whom 158 have entered the ministry, 26 have become college presidents and professors and principals of seminaries, 58 have become teachers and superintendents of schools, and the others have entered the various other useful vocations of life. In the distinguished service of more than half a century, given by Roanoke College to the church and to the country, our entire United Synod will rejoice.

LENOIR COLLEGE.

Lenoir College is owned and controlled by the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

Lenoir College is a Christian college, in the fullest sense—Lutheran. A special feature is the provision for the teaching of religious studies. A *Chair of Bible and Religious Studies*, giving full courses in Bible, Catechetics, Bible History, and lectures on the Augsburg Confession having been established. Students from Lutheran homes are required to take these courses.

In Lenoir College there is co-education under the very best conditions. Oakview Hall, the young women's dormitory, is situated apart in a beautiful grove, and has all the modern comforts and conveniences; such as, electric lights, hot and cold water, and steam heat. One of the professors superintends this building, and with the help of the resident lady teachers cares for the young ladies.

The faculty consists of eleven able and experienced professors and teachers. Over 200 students. Four buildings—the large Main Building, Oakview Hall, Highland Hall, and the new dormitory for young men which will be completed by December. This building will accommodate 100 students. The college congregation is beginning the

erection of a college church on the campus to cost not less than $7,000.

The location of Lenoir College is *ideal*. No death or serious case of sickness among students for past 15 years. *No malaria*. In a Lutheran center—three Lutheran congregations in town, and practically all the congregations in surrounding county are Lutheran. In one of the best and most solidly and rapidly growing cities of the great Piedmont section of North Carolina.

The past two years have been marked by growth and development along all lines. The constituency of the college is rallying to her support as never before. There is greater interest, deeper sympathy, earnestness and determination. Recently several considerable bequests and gifts have been received.

One of the most encouraging facts is the readiness with which our wealthy men have furnished the money for the erection of the new dormitory.

The outlook for Lenoir is decidedly encouraging.

MARION FEMALE COLLEGE.

This oldest of our female schools closed its 34th year with increased attendance in all departments. There is a faculty of eleven teachers. Special instruction in Bible History and Luther's Catechism is given. The principles controlling the policy of Marion are in accord with sound pedagogy and sound religion. The instruction is safe and sound.

MONT AMOENA SEMINARY.

This school during the past year, has been successful and bright prospect for next session. Thorough instruction is given, and the students have wholesome religious influences.

THE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

This school, at Mt. Pleasant, N. C., has enjoyed a prosperous year, under the management of the co-principals, Rev. H. A. McCullough and Prof. G. F. McAllister. The school has the confidence of a growing constituency.

ELIZABETH COLLEGE

Is devoted entirely to the education of young women. It has students from many States upon its roll.

It is worthy of the moral support of the United Synod. The continued efficiency and growing importance of this noble institution for the higher education of women commends the college to our most favorable consideration and hearty support.

The visitor appointed by this body at its last convention will report further on this institution.

M. M. KINARD,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
E. H. KOHN,
J. W. SMITH.

The official visitor to Elizabeth College reported. Report adopted :

REPORT OF OFFICIAL VISITOR TO ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

Since my appointment as Official Visitor to Elizabeth College at the meeting of the United Synod at New Market, Va., I have endeavored to keep in such touch with that institution as would enable me to make a correct report concerning the same at this meeting. I have visited the college on several different occasions, have interviewed the President, and have read the college journal and catalogue. This splendid institution continues to prosper. From year to year it adds to its equipment and increases its efficiency, keeping fully abreast with modern ideas and methods of education. The high standard of character and ability maintained in the teaching force in the college and in the conservatory of music commends this institution to the most favorable consideration and to the hearty support of this Synod. During the nine years of its history Elizabeth College has had twelve hundred students, representing all the District Synods of the United Synod and five of the other general bodies of the Lutheran Church in America. This college, while not under the control of the Lutheran Church, is doing a valuable service for the Lutheran Church in America, and particularly in the South. This institution merits the continued hearty endorsement and support of the United Synod ; and it is to be hoped that some time in the future it will pass into the control of the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER.

The following was adopted on President's Report :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

First of all, the President properly acknowledges our indebtedness to our Heavenly Father for the opportunity of this meeting of our Synod.

Then, he calls attention to the evidence of our progress during the past few years, in the completion of the Memorial Endowment, in the gratifying success of the effort to meet the indebtedness of the Or-

phan Home, in the progress of the Women's Forward Movement and the Mission League, in the vast development of the work in Japan, and in the extension of the work at home.

He lays before us cheering information as to Roanoke, Lenoir, Newberry and Elizabeth College, in the improvement and additions in their buildings, the enlargement of their endowment, and increased attendance in students.

Another gratifying fact is the merging of our church papers into one, the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, the official organ of the United Synod.

The President reminds us that much yet remains to be done to meet the calls of mission work in all of our fields, in securing friends and funds for our colleges, and a better support for our church paper and literature, and upon all these a distinctive church character must be placed. The President makes no recommendations, and, with him, your committee leaves our various church interests in the hands of the committees having them in charge.

We add only this, that a hearty, unanimous co-operation on the part of each synod, congregation, and individual will be effectual in molding all parts into a solid whole.

Submitted by committee,

J. B. GREINER,
J. E. SHENK,
J. L. DERRICK,
G. S. BOWERS,
ELON O. HENKEL,
J. N. GNANN.

NOMINEES FOR ORPHAN HOME CORPORATION.

Your committee, appointed to nominate members of the corporation of the Orphan Home, nominate the following for five years :

1906—T. J. Shickel, D. B. Strouse, A. L. Henkel, Paul Sieg, and J. Frank Clemmer.

1907—H. S. Trout, R. W. Kime, H. F. Scheele, J. H. Wilson, and Paul S. Davis.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SMITH,
W. R. BROWN,
J. W. JENNY.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have 3,500 copies of the Minutes of this Synod printed at the lowest price consistent with good work and prompt service; and that he receive $25 in token of our appreciation of his services.

The report on Church Literature was adopted, as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Church Literature would report that the several items requiring attention at their hands have already been acted upon under consideration of other reports.

We desire, however, to call the attention of the church to the duty of heartily supporting the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*, that they may be able to do the work for which they are eminently suited in their respective spheres. The church must avail itself of all the means at hand of disseminating church news among its people, in order to awaken an intelligent interest in all the various enterprises in which the United Synod is now engaged.

R. A. YODER,
C. B. KING,
W. H. GREEVER,
J. P. STIREWALT,
A. G. WISE.

The following reports on Theological Seminary were adopted :

THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, appointed by the last convention of the United Synod, met promptly and organized by the election of the following officers : President, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D.; Vice-President, Rev. J. W. Wilson, D. D.; Secretary, Col. John F. Ficken ; Treasurer, Hon. C. M. Efird.

WORK OF THE SEMINARY.

Attendance during the session of 1904-5, 12 students, 6 Seniors, 3 Middle, and 3 Juniors. At close of session, 7 students were sent out, 6 graduates and 1 certificate of two years' work.

Attendance session 1905-6, 8 students, 3 Seniors, 2 Middle, 3 Juniors. At the close of session 3 graduated. In the biennium, 10 were sent out, all of whom are doing faithful work within the bounds of the United Synod.

RESIGNATION.

On the 22d of November, 1904, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., resigned the chair of "Exegetical and Historical Theology," the resignation to take effect December 31 of the same year.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors, held December 15, 1904, the resignation was accepted, and the Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., was elected to fill the vacancy. Dr. Miller accepted and began work April 1, 1905. In the interim from January to April the dean, Dr. Voigt, assisted by the Charleston pastors Rev. J. W. Horine, Dr. Koerner, and Dr. Scherer, carried on the work.

Dr. Miller was formally inducted into his office October 4, 1905, the President of the Board conducting the services. Last year the dean, Dr. Voigt and Dr. Miller with the assistance of Rev. J. W. Horine and Rev. W. A. C. Muller gave instruction according to prescribed course. All the property of the Seminary is maintained in good repair.

By the action of the last convention of the United Synod the Board was vested with full power to sell all the land with the buildings thereon situate in the town of Mt. Pleasant, S. C., if the opportunity offered. This matter received the serious consideration of the Board and was found impracticable. No advantageous sale could be made. No purchaser offered. We recommend that this resolution be continued of full force and effect until further action by the Synod.

FINANCES.

Treasurer Hon. C. M. Efird's last Annual Report:

1905. To balance	$ 531	90
1906. To interest collected and cash received from Treasurers of South Carolina, Virginia, and Georgia Synods to May, 1906	3408	82
	$3940	72

EXPENDITURES.

From May, 1905, to May, 1906	$ 3527	81
By balance	$ 412	91

The total amount of securities constituting Endowment Fund is $31,789.32.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The receipts from the invested fund being insufficient to meet expenses, we recommend the same annual synodical apportionment as adopted at the last convention, as follows:

North Carolina Synod	$133 00
Tennessee Synod	100 00
South Carolina Synod	143 00
Virginia Synod	120 00
Southwestern Virginia Synod	87 00

Georgia Synod	66 00
Holston Synod	17 00
Mississippi Synod	5 00

Respectfully submitted, THE BOARD.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Report of the Board of our Theological Seminary is so full of interesting facts and suggestions that your committee finds little to do. The Seminary has done and is doing an indispensable work for our Southern Church. It demands our hearty support. Calling attention to the two recommendations made, viz., that the Board be authorized to sell the present Seminary property when a purchaser is found, and that the apportionment among the Synods for the support of a Professor be continued, we recommend the adoption of the report as a whole. Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FOX,
J. H. WILSON,
J. A. CROMER,
J. F. CLEMMER,
A. D. WESSELL.

The following resolution, adopted by the Seminary Board, was adopted also by the Synod :

Resolved, That this Board recommend that the United Synod shall designate the Sunday which will be observed as Reformation Day, as a day of special prayer in behalf of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

Rev. W. H. Greever was, on motion, elected official visitor to Elizabeth College.

The Committee on Letters submitted the following, which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Into the hands of this committee the following documents have been placed :

1. From Rev. G. U. Wenner, D. D., a uniform blank for Parochial Reports, to secure greater exactness in Lutheran statistics.
2. A letter concerning the contract for Sunday-school charts.
3. Credentials of the fraternal delegate from the General Council.
4. A letter from the Treasurer of Synod, informing its President

that a check had been received for $10,000, bequeathed by Mr. Cover.

5. Letters of invitation for the next meeting of this Synod from Holy Trinity church, Augusta, Ga., and St. Paul's, Wilmington, N. C.

Items 2, 3, and 4 having been acted upon, need no further consideration.

Your committee recommend :

1. That the Parochial blank be referred to the Secretary of Synod, with power to act.

2. That the letters of invitation be acted upon, under the item fixing the time and place of next meeting.

3. That the Synod emphasize by the adoption of this item its grateful appreciation of Mr. F. P. Cover's bequest of $10,000, and expresses the hope that many will be induced to imitate his example.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. MARKS,
PAUL SIEG,
N. D. BODIE,
O. B. SHEAROUSE.

It was

Resolved, That the thanks of this United Synod are due and are hereby extended to the pastor and members of the church of the Holy Communion, and to the people of Dallas in general for the most generous hospitality with which they have entertained the Synod during this largely attended convention, and that the President of the Synod make known this action to the congregation in this church next Sunday.

The thanks of the Synod were, on motion, extended to the railroads and newspapers for courtesies extended to us, and especially the *Charlotte Observer*.

The following was adopted :

REPORT OF FRATERNAL VISITOR TO GENERAL COUNCIL.

It is with profound regret that I have only to report that the duty imposed upon me by the last convention of this body was not discharged. My only excuse is that, not being present at last meeting and having read the Minutes hurriedly, my appointment as fraternal visitor to the General Council entirely escaped my attention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER.

Rev. J. B. Greiner reported as follows, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

I accepted with full appreciation the appointment as Delegate to the General Synod and intended to attend. At a late date, it became impossible for me to attend. J. B. GREINER.

The President of Synod was, on motion, instructed to write these general bodies explaining why no delegates were in attendance upon their sessions.

Committee on Common Book of Worship was constituted as follows: Revs. J. W. Horine, L. A. Fox, and A. G. Voigt.

It was

Resolved, 1. That the United Synod pay the expenses of its official visitors to the General Council and General Synod.

Resolved, 2. That the President of this body be empowered to certify official visitors to the General Council and General Synod, whenever the principal and alternate are unable to attend.

A special vote of thanks was tendered Rev. C. L. Brown, and all who assisted him, in providing the exhibit of Japanese curios at this convention, and a collection was taken to help to defray the expenses of the same.

Rev. L. L. Smith, by a rising vote, was appointed to prepare a suitable tribute to the memory of Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., so long connected with the work of our church in the South.

The Secretary was instructed to insert advertisement of our Theological Seminary on cover page of Minutes.

Rev. R. C. Holland, in the name of the Synod, to extend thanks to the American Bible Society for exhibit at this convention.

Minutes of today's sessions were read and approved, after which the Synod was formally closed.

Saturday, 8:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. A. D. R. Haucher.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Lutheran Church.—11 a. m., sermon by Rev. G. D. Bernheim, D. D.; 8:30 p. m., sermon by Rev. J. W. Horine.

Presbyterian Church.—11 a. m., Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D.; 8:30 p. m., Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D.

Christ Church, Stanley, N. C.—11 a. m., Rev. J. H. Wilson, D. D.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the Tenth Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, held in the Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, N. C., July 10–15, 1906.

S. T. HALLMAN, SECRETARY.

Spartanburg, S. C.

VISITING MINISTERS.

The following visiting ministers were present during the sessions of Synod, and invited to seats as advisory members:

Revs. G. D. Bernheim, D. D., Walter C. Davis, V. R. Ridenhour, K. Y. Umberger, S. P. Koon, J. P. Price, D. A. Sox, J. W. Nease, V. R. Stickley, J. W. Strickler, J. P. Miller, S. C. Ballentine, C. K. Pless, W. B. Aull, T. B. Epting, C. W. Kegley, W. A. Lutz, W. J. Boger, Wm. L. Darr, J. D. Shealy, J. Allen Arndt, D. B. Groseclose, C. L. Miller, F. K. Roof, E. J. Sox, M. Q. Boland, Paul Bischoff, G. E. Long, H. A. Kistler, Chas. K. Bell, J. H. C. Fisher, Gilbert O. Voigt (theological student), C. I. Morgan, Brady L. Stroup, E. C. Cronk, Jas. F. Deal, W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., Ed. L. Ritchie, John Hall, J. M. Center, E. L. Lybrand, and George A. Romoser.

(Appendix A.)

CONSTITUTION, CHARTER, BY-LAWS, RULES OF ORDER,

— AND —

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

— OF —

THE UNITED SYNOD

June 26, 1886, to July 15, 1906.

CONSTITUTION.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

I. NAME.

The name of this body shall be The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

II. DOCTRINAL BASIS.

The Doctrinal Basis of the organization shall be :

1. The Holy Scriptures, the Inspired Writings of the Old and New Testaments, the only standard of doctrine and church discipline.

2. As a true and faithful exhibition of the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures in regard to matters of faith and practice, the three Ancient Symbols, the Apostolic, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, and the Unaltered Augsburg Confession of Faith ; also, the other Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, viz.: The Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Smaller and Larger Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, consisting of the Epitome and Full Declaration, as they are set forth, defined, and published in the Christian Book of Concord, or the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church, published in the year 1580 (see the Epitome, *Of the Compendious Rule and Standard*, and the *Solid Declaration—Preface*), as true and Scriptural developments of the doctrines taught in the Augsburg Confession, and in the perfect harmony of one and the same pure, Scriptural faith.

III. Object and Aim.

The object and aim of the United Synod shall be outward expression of the spiritual unity of the Synods concerned; mutual strengthening in faith and confession; unification of all Lutherans in one orthodox faith, and mutual co-operation in the promotion of the more general interests of the Church; as, books of worship, liturgies, theological seminaries, charitable institutions, immigrant missions, foreign missions, and important home missionary operations.

IV. Components of the Body.

1. This body shall consist of delegates from all Evangelical Lutheran Synods, having adopted this Constitution, who may present themselves properly accredited by the presiding officers of their Synods.

2. These delegates shall be chosen in the following ratio: one Minister and one Lay-Delegate for every one thousand communicants or fraction thereof.

3. A majority of the delegates elected, provided a majority of the Synods are thereby represented, shall constitute a quorum.

V. Officers.

1. The officers of the United Synod shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected by ballot. Ministers alone shall be eligible to the offices of President and Vice-President, but both clerical and lay delegates to those of Secretary and Treasurer. No one shall be elected President for more than two conventions in succession.

2. The President shall act as chairman of the convention. He may give his opinion, and, whenever the delegates shall be equally divided upon any question, he shall have the casting vote. He shall subscribe all letters, written advices, resolutions, and proceedings of the body. In extraordinary cases, and by request of any one of the Synods belonging to this organization, made known to him in the form of a synodical resolution, he may call special conventions of the body, of which not less than six weeks' notice shall be given.

3. If, for any cause, the President is unable to discharge his duties, the Vice-President shall take his place.

4. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings of this United Synod, and write, attest, and take care of all its documents. He shall also make known the time and place of meetings through the Church papers, published within the bounds of the body, at least three months beforehand. In case of special conventions, such as provided for in Section 2 of this Article, he shall make known the time and place of meeting as soon as informed by the President. Should the

duties of the Secretary become too burdensome for one person, the President, at his suggestion, may appoint an assistant Secretary.

5. The Treasurer shall keep an account of the receipts and expenditures of the body. He shall give receipts for all funds put into his hands. He shall make no disbursements except by resolution of the United Synod, and upon the written order of the President attested by the Secretary. At every convention he shall render an account.

6. Should any officer of this body, in the interim of its regular conventions, depart this life, resign his office, or become incapable of executing the same, then the other officers shall appoint some capable and faithful man to serve in his place until the next regular meeting—save in the case otherwise provided for in Section 3 of this Article.

VI. Powers.

The powers of this body shall be only of advisory and recommendatory character in all matters, except such as pertain to the general interests or operations of the Church, as already indicated in Article III. In regard to these it shall be invested with such powers as the Synods composing it may delegate to it. In its operations it shall not interfere with the legitimate work of the Synods in its connection.

VII. By-Laws.

This body shall make such By-Laws as it may deem necessary. No By-Law, however, shall be adopted which conflicts with any article of this Constitution.

VIII. Amendments.

1. The Doctrinal Basis of this Constitution shall ever remain unaltered.

2. No alteration of other parts of this Constitution shall be made except with the consent of two-thirds of the Synods connected with this organization. An exact copy of the intended alterations must be sent by the Secretary to the Presidents of the District Synods in connection with the body, with the request that they submit them to their respective Synods for decision. If, at the next convention, it shall appear that two-thirds of the District Synods are in favor of the alteration, it shall be declared adopted.

CHARTER OF THE UNITED SYNOD.

[STATUTES AT LARGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, VOL. XX, PAGE 784.]

No. 512. AN ACT to incorporate the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South :

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same ; that all those persons who now or may hereafter become members of the "United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South" be, and the same are hereby, declared a body politic and corporate by the name and style of "The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South."

SEC. 2. That the said society shall be able and capable in law and equity to have, hold, and receive, enjoy, possess, and retain, all such property, real and personal, as they may now be possessed of or in any wise entitled to, or which shall have been or shall hereafter be given, bequeathed, or in any way acquired, and to sell, alien, or otherwise part with the same or any part thereof, as they shall deem proper or expedient.

SEC. 3. That the said society shall by its proper name have succession of officers and members, to be chosen according to the rules and by-laws made or to be made for its government and direction ; and shall have power and authority to make rules, regulations, and by-laws not repugnant to the laws of the land, and to have, keep, and use a common seal, and the same to change and alter at will : to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law ; and to have and enjoy all the rights and privileges incident or belonging to incorporated bodies.

Approved December 24, A. D., 1890.

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER.

BY-LAWS.

I. On assembling at the time and place, the regular service shall be used, and the Synodical Sermon delivered by the President of the former Convention, or, in his absence, by some one appointed by him.

II. The Holy Communion shall then, after Confession and Absolution, be administered, first to the members of Synod, and afterwards to the members of the congregation.

III. The Synod shall then be organized in the manner provided in Article V. of the Constitution, and a majority of all the votes present shall be necessary for the election of officers.

IV. Members and delegates from other Evangelical Lutheran Synods or General Bodies may be received, and tendered the privilege of participating in the deliberation and discussions. Members of other ecclesiastical organizations may, on motion, receive recognition, by being invited to seats.

V. No member shall absent himself during the entire term of the Convention without permission from the Synod, nor from its daily sessions without permission from the President.

VI. Order of Business for Daily Sessions.

FIRST SESSION.

1. Reception of Credentials of Delegates, and enrollment of members.
2. Hearing the President's Report.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Reading the Rules of Order.
5. Application of Synods for connection with the United Synod.
6. Reading or referring Minutes of last Convention.
7. Report of Treasurer.
8. Reception of Documents, etc., from District Synods, or from other sources.
9. Appointments of Standing Committees.
10. Reports of Standing Committees.
11. Reports from Theological and Literary Institutions.
12. Proposition, discussion, and disposal of Resolutions.

SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS.

1. Calling the Roll.
2. Reading and approval, or correction of Minutes.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Reports of Special Committees.
6. Reports of District Synods on Home Missions.
7. Resolutions.
8. New or Miscellaneous Business, in the order indicated by the President.

VII. On the second evening after the opening of the Convention, the regular Missionary meeting shall be held.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. No subject shall be discussed without a motion or resolution thereupon, presented in writing, and seconded.

II. When a member wishes to speak on any question before Synod, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the President. He shall confine his remarks to the subject under consideration, and shall avoid all personalities and improprieties of language, and whilst so doing shall not be interrupted except with his own consent, and for the purpose of explanation.

III. At the request of any member, a proposition containing two or more distinct points may be divided, the vote on the several points taken separately.

IV. Every member present shall vote on all questions unless excused by Synod.

V. No amendment shall be entertained that is not relevant to the subject under consideration, and no amendment beyond the second degree shall be in order.

VI. When a question is before Synod, no motion shall be received, except

1. To adjourn.
2. To lay on the table.
3. To take the question without further debate.
4. To postpone indefinitely.
5. To postpone to a special time.
6. To commit or amend.

Which several motions shall have precedence in the order above arranged.

VII. A motion to adjourn is always in order, except when a member has the floor and is speaking.

VIII. The motion to adjourn shall be decided without debate.

IX. Debatable motions, until decided, shall preclude all discussion of the main question.

X. Amendments may be offered at any stage of a question.

XI. When a question is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be entertained again during the convention, except on motion for reconsideration by a member who voted with the majority ; which motion shall take precedence of all others, except that to adjourn.

XII. A motion may be withdrawn at any time, with the consent of the Synod, before decision or amendment.

XIII. No member shall be permitted to speak the second time so long as any other member, not yet having spoken may desire to do so.

XIV. A member, when called to order by the Chair, shall take his seat ; but he shall have the right of appeal to Synod, and a decision thereupon shall be made without debate.

XV. The yeas and nays shall be taken and recorded on any question, when requested by three members of the Convention.

XVI. In filling blanks, the largest sum, the highest number, or the longest time named, shall be voted on first.

XVII. The President shall decide all questions of order ; but any member may appeal from his decision, and such appeal shall not be discussed, except when growing out of a debatable motion before the Convention.

XVIII. The President shall have the right to speak on any question before the Convention, provided, as hereby authorized, he appoint some member to perform the duties of the Chair whilst thus temporarily vacated.

XIX. The President shall nominate all committees, unless otherwise directed by Synod.

XX. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed at each Convention :

1. On President's Report.
2. On Minutes of Last Synod.
3. On District Synods.
4. On Devotional Exercises.

5. On Theological Seminaries.
6. On Literary Institutions.
7. On Missions.
8. On Treasurer's Report.
9. On Letters and Petitions.
10. On Church Literature.
11. To nominate visitors to other general bodies.

These Rules shall be read by the Secretary before the Convention, immediately after its organization, and may be modified, amended, or abolished at any session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

FROM JUNE 26, 1886, TO JULY 15, 1906.

1. 1886, p. 54. *Delegates' Expenses* : That the District Synods are hereby requested to pay the necessary expenses of their respective delegates to this and succeeding conventions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the South.

2. 1900, p. 101. *Theological Seminary Board Vacancies, How Filled:* That in the event of any vacancy in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary by death, resignation, removal from the territory of this Synod, or otherwise, such vacancy may be filled by the Board ; and that the said Board shall be elected at every regular meeting of this body.

3. 1902, p. 76. *Accepts Charter of Board of Missions—Election of Board:* That this body accepts the charter granted by the Legislature of South Carolina to our Board of Missions and Church Extension ; and that the members of said Board shall be elected by this body at each of its regular conventions, and should this United Synod fail at any such conventions to elect members of said Board, then the members last elected shall hold over and be empowered to act until their successors shall be elected by the United Synod.

Vacancies in, How Filled? (1904, p. 117) : That if a vacancy occurs in the Board of Missions during the interim between meetings of the United Synod, the vacancy shall be filled by the President of the United Synod, upon the nomination of the officers of the district synod concerned.

Board, How Constituted, (1906, p. 46) : That the Committee on Missions nominate the Board of Missions, and that the Board be constituted of one member from each district synod.

Several Funds of Board of Missions, (1906): That the Board of Missions and Church Extension be directed to maintain three funds, viz.: Foreign Mission Fund, Home Mission Fund, and Church Extension Fund, and that these funds be increased by said Board in harmony with the other actions of this body, and in response to the demands of the work.

4. 1904, p. 90. *Revenue of Synod—How Raised*: That to provide funds for the necessary expenses of this body an annual assessment of one-half cent per capita be laid upon the district synods, beginning with this convention, and that such district synod is requested to forward to the Treasurer of this body its first annual assessment at or within three months after its annual convention.

5. 1904, p. 118. *Offerings—How Appropriated:* That offerings hereafter made at the sessions of this Synod be appropriated as follows:

On the occasion of the Educational address to the Theological Seminary; on the occasion of the Missionary address to the Mission Board of the United Synod; and that due announcement be made beforehand of these offerings.

6. 1906, p. 94. *Prayer for Theological Seminary:* That this Board recommend that the United Synod shall designate the Sunday which will be observed as Reformation Day as a day of special prayer in behalf of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

7. 1906, p. 96. *Official Visitors—Expenses to be Paid:* That the United Synod pay the expenses of its official visitors to the General Council and General Synod. That the President of this body be empowered to certify official visitors to the General Council and General Synod, whenever the principal and alternate are unable to attend.

8. 1906, p. 45. *Bible Distribution:* We recommend that, as tangible evidence of our interest, a collection be taken annually in our churches for the work.

Appendix B.

THE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

OF THE

UNITED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH.

FIRST DAY.

DALLAS, N. C., THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1906.

The Woman's Conference of the United Synod of the Southern Lutheran church convened at Dallas, N. C., July 12th, at 9:30 a. m., with Mrs. W. F. Morehead as chairman.

After singing hymn No. 80, "I am Thine, O Lord," the Consecration Service No. 8, in the United Service, was used. After a few moments of silent prayer, Hymn No. 83, "More Love to Thee, O Christ," was feelingly sung.

The enrollment of members of the different synods and visitors was made during the morning session and placed on record.

ENROLLMENT.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Miss Martha Ritchie,
Mrs. Fannie E. Corriher,
Mrs. D. D. Barrier,
Miss Carrie Cook,
Mrs. F. D. Patterson,
Mrs. J. E. Shenk,
Mrs. J. H. Dingelhoef,
Mrs. R. C. Holland,
Mrs. G. H. Hartman,
Mrs. M. L. Yeager,
Mrs. H. A. McCullough,
Mrs. Charles B. King,
Mrs. J. Q. Wertz,
Mrs. J. H. C. Fisher,
Mrs. G. D. Bernheim,
Mrs. S. H. Hearne,
Mrs. J. A. Thom,
Mrs. Laura Moser,
Mrs. W. D. Rock,
Miss Jennie Patterson.

SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Mrs. J. A. Bringman,
Mrs. L. A. Fox,
Mrs. W. F. Morehead,
Mrs. John O. Kizer.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Mrs. W. J. Smith,
Mrs. Frank Clemmer,

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Miss Bettie Coon,
Mrs. Lucy Cansler,
Mrs. S. A. Mauney,
Mrs. A. E. Cline,
Mrs. D. C. Mauney,
Miss Vera Mauney,
Mrs. Lydia Fox,
Mrs. W. A. Ridenhour,
Mrs. Frank Carpenter,
Mrs. Vertie Isenhour,
Mrs. E. L. Mason,
Miss Mabel Little,
Miss Emma Jenkins,
Miss Ida Rhyne,
Mrs. McAllister,
Mrs. R. L. Fritz,
Mrs. W. H. Little,
Miss Euphemia Robinson,
Miss Ella Jervis,
Mrs. F. O. Davis,
Mrs. C. K. Bell.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Mrs. J. C. Seegers,
Mrs. Kate Eargle,
Mrs. C. E. Weltner,
Mrs. Henry Frey,
Mrs. M. S. Habenicht,
Miss Amelia Habenicht,
Miss Lulu Habenicht,
Miss Ellen Hendrix,
Mrs. J. A. B. Scherer,
Miss Gertrude Oxner,
Mrs. C. M. Efird,
Miss Lucile Efird,
Miss Fannie Oswalt,
Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Miss Dora Kinser.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Mrs. E. C. Cronk,
Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer,
Miss Hattie Gray.

The business of conference was called in the following order:

The question of general organization was discussed by the following: Mrs. J. A. B. Scherer, Mrs. L. A. Fox, and Mrs. J. Q. Wertz, with quite a number joining in the general discussion.

A motion being made that we effect a general organization, a rising vote was taken and the organization effected.

The President then appointed a Committee on Organization as follows :

Mrs. J. A. B. Scherer of the South Carolina Synod.
Mrs. J. Q. Wertz of the North Carolina Synod.
Mrs. L. A. Fox of the Southwestern Virginia Synod.
Mrs. R. A. Yoder of the Tennessee Synod.
Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer of the Georgia Synod.
Mrs. W. J. Smith of the Virginia Synod.
Miss Dora Kinser of the Holston Synod.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That our Committee on Organization be instructed to consult with the President of the United Synod and the President of the Board of Missions in the framing of a constitution.

Next in order was the discussion of the Forward Movement by the following : Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer, Mrs. G. D. Bernheim, and Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

The following women pledged themselves to do all in their power for the Forward Movement in their respective synods:

Mrs. J. F. Moser of the Tennessee Synod ; Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer, and Miss Hattie Gray of the Georgia Synod ; Mrs. C. B. King, Mrs. R. C. Holland, and others of the North Carolina Synod.

The amounts contributed to date by the different synodical bodies to the Woman's Forward Movement : South Carolina Synod, $1842.47 ; Holston Synod, $40.28 ; Tennessee Synod, $551.65 ; Virginia Synod, $1123.64 ; North Carolina Synod, $1261.64 ; Southwestern Virginia Synod, $850 ; Georgia Synod, $268.95 ; Mississippi Synod, $39.

Special gifts received at this meeting : Mrs. Cover, $100 ; Miss Ellen Hendrix, $5; Mr. L. M. Hoffman, $10 ; collection from Synod, $15.

The following committee was then appointed to prepare

a memorial to the United Synod for valued assistance in the Forward Movement: Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps and Mrs. R. C. Holland.

The question of "Our Woman's Missionary Department or something better to take its place," was discussed by the following: Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, and Mrs. J. Q. Wertz.

The morning session adjourned, pending further discussion, Rev. E. C. Cronk leading in prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was opened by the singing of a hymn, and prayer by Rev. S. C. Ballentine. A prayer service was then conducted by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

An interesting talk on Japanese customs was given us by Mrs. C. L. Brown.

The Report of the Committee on Organization and Constitution was read, received, and considered by item.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND CONSTITUTION.

Name.

The name of this gathering shall be the Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the South.

Aim.

The aim of this conference shall be to cooperate with the United Synod in carrying out the command of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Membership.

The membership of this conference shall consist of delegations from all the synods of the United Synod. Each synod shall be entitled to one delegate for every two thousand members of the synod or fraction thereof.

These delegates shall be elected by the Synodical Missionary Societies, where they exist. In other synods, the Executive Committee

of the Woman's Missionary Conference shall have the power to appoint delegates.

Meetings.

This conference shall meet biennially at or near the time and place of the United Synod.

Officers.

The officers shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Reporting Treasurer.

Elections.

The officers shall be elected at the biennial conference.

The Duties of Officers.

Sec. 1. The duties of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and the Corresponding Secretary shall be those usually pertaining to those offices.

Sec. 2. The Reporting Treasurer shall keep account of the moneys that are reported to her by the different synodical societies, or other organizations of this conference, and report from time to time as necessary.

Committees.

(*a*) *Executive Committee.*—The officers of the conference shall be an Executive Committee for the transaction of business.

(*b*) *Literature Committee.*—There shall be a Literature Committee, composed of the chairmen of the literature committees of the respective synodical societies, together with one member from each synod not thus represented.

(*c*) *Committee on Extension.*—There shall be a Committee on Extension, appointed by the President.

Amendments.

This constitution can be amended at any regular meeting of the Missionary Conference by a three-fourths vote; provided that such amendment or alteration has been proposed at a previous meeting and published in the *Visitor* one month before the meeting.

Mrs. J. A. B. SCHERER,
Mrs. L. A. FOX,
Mrs. J. Q. WERTZ,
Mrs. W. C. SCHAEFFER,
Mrs. W. J. SMITH,
Mrs. R. A. YODER,
Miss DORA KINSER,
Committee.

The report adopted as a whole.

The Conference then proceeded to elect the following :

OFFICERS.

President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.
Vice-President, Mrs. J. Q. Wertz.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Dingelhoef.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. K. Bell.
Reporting Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. B. Scherer.

The subject of a General Day of Prayer was next discussed by Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Mrs. J. A. Thom, and Mrs. Kate Eargle.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That we observe the first day of Lent as a day of special prayer for missions and our missionaries.

The following was moved and adopted :

That the noon hour be observed by the women of the conference for prayer.

At this point the business was suspended in order to hear Rev. C. L. Brown explain the missionary exhibit.

As the hour for adjournment had passed, it was decided to hold an extra session of the conference on the following day, and after a collection taken to defray the expenses of moving the missionary exhibit the conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 13, 1906.

The morning session was opened by the singing of "I love to tell the story" and the use of the service "Christian Fellowship," in the United Service, led by Mrs. J. Q. Wertz.

The minutes were then read and approved.

The following committees were appointed :

Extension Committee—Mrs. L. A. Fox, Chairman, Mrs. H. A. McCullough, Miss Ellen Hendrix, Mrs. R. A. Yoder, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher, Mrs. Lunar Nease, Mrs. Laura Beaver.

Literature Committee—Mrs. M. S. Evans, Chairman, Mrs. A. W. Winecoff, Mrs. Kate Eargle, Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer, Miss Dora Kinser, Mrs. C. L. Miller, Mrs. J. H. Wyse.

A letter from the General Synod has been received, requesting a delegate from our body at their next meeting in May. It was moved and adopted that we send a delegate to this body. Mrs. J. A. B. Scherer was elected as the delegate.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, 1. That we approve of the Woman's Missionary Department of the *Visitor*, and pledge the editors our hearty cooperation.

Resolved, 2. That appreciating the arduous duties of Mrs. Kreps, and how impossible it is for her to give her personal attention to the arrangement of the matter sent her, and the proof reading, that we request Miss Amelia Habenicht to supervise this part of the work.

A standing vote of thanks from the conference was tendered Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps for her efficient work in this department.

The following motion was adopted :

Resolved, That the members of the Literature Committee of the conference confer with the members of Synod about the publication of our minutes with the minutes of the United Synod of the South.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL TO THE SYNOD.

To the United Synod of the South,

DEAR BRETHREN :—WHEREAS, The women of the Missionary Conference of the United Synod of the South have pledged themselves to unfaltering effort in behalf of the Twenty Thousand Dollar Movement, until such time as the original purpose shall have been accomplished ; and in consideration of the fact that ten thousand dollars of this amount, when realized, will be devoted to the much needed school in

Japan, and since the probable contributors to this fund can best be reached through the aid of the pastors; therefore,

Resolved, That expressing grateful appreciation of the sympathetic support extended by this body in the furtherance of this movement in the past, we beg that it will take such action as in its wisdom will best secure the personal interest and cooperation of each pastor in this United Synod in having a special offering made to this fund at the Christmas tide, this being the season decided upon by this conference for the special effort in behalf of this movement.

MRS. M. O. J. KREPS,
MRS. R. C. HOLLAND,
COMMITTEE.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That Christmas day be adopted as a day for the women of the United Synod to make a special offering to the $20,000 Fund.

The program for the day was now entered upon. Topic: Home Mission Work, Our Obligation to It.

The discussion was opened by Mrs. L. A. Fox in a most able paper.

At this juncture a quilt, given to the conference by Mesdames Friday and Cloninger, was presented by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps to our missionaries in Japan.

The next topic on the program was now opened for discussion. Subject : How can we Best Develop the Children ? The first speaker on this subject being Mrs. R. C. Holland, she urged the pressing needs of the work in a soul-stirring plea for better work and more concentrated efforts. Mrs. C. E. Weltner followed with a very instructive paper as to how we can teach our children.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Woman's Missionary Conference put itself on record as in favor of our Sunday-schools setting apart the 1st Sunday of each month as a time to develop missionary interest.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That we express by a rising vote our hearty appreciation of the cordial hospitality of the good people of Dallas who have in true warm-hearted generosity thrown wide the doors of their homes

and hearts to the strangers of this conference "within their gates," and that we assure them that we carry away with us most pleasant and abiding memories of the friendships formed in their delightful city. To these splendid people we extend most earnest thanks for the thoughtful anticipation of the comfort and happiness of their guests which has made us feel so much at home while abiding with them.

Resolved, 2. That we convey to our Missionaries Rev. and Mrs. Brown the great pleasure and profit derived from their presence among us, and that we, as a Missionary Conference of the Lutheran Women of the Southland, express to them our great appreciation of their untiring service in the land of Japan, and assure them that in sympathetic co-operation we will try to be as faithful on this side of the sea as they are on the other in laboring for the promotion of the Japan Mission.

Resolved, 3. That we remember very gratefully at this time the special effort made by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, of Atlanta, to contribute to the helpfulness and interest of this meeting and of others to follow by equipping and having on display at this time the splendid missionary exhibit which she has by personal activity collected.

Resolved, 4. That to Mrs. Friday and Mrs. Cloninger we are due an expression of our obligation for the donation of the patch-work quilt as well as for the inspiration of their example of loving service for the cause of missions.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. O. J. KREPS.

The following resolutions were then read and approved :

WHEREAS, We as a body of women come together from the various parts of our United Synod have had such a harmonious and delightful meeting :

Resolved, 1. That we render praise to our Father in Heaven for the gracious leadings of his providence which has brought us together and guided us into the organization of the Missionary Conference of the women of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the South.

Resolved, 2. That we pledge to this conference our united service, our loyal support, and our earnest prayers.

Resolved, 3. That we earnestly desire every woman in every synod to consider herself a member of this conference of women to work together for Home and Foreign Missions and the glory of God.

Resolved, 4. That we extend to the members of the United Synod our high appreciation of their sympathy, support, and advice, which has made this organization possible. That we assure the United Synod that it is our purpose and desire to work always in harmony with and under the approval of that synod.

A motion for adjournment was then in order. After repeating the Lord's Prayer, the conference was adjourned to meet in two years.

MRS. J. H. DINGELHOEF,

SECRETARY.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. DAVID McCONAGHY GILBERT, D. D.

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South makes this minute on its records of the late Rev. Dr. D. M. Gilbert, its first President and for so many years identified with the church in the South. Born in Gettysburg, Pa., February 4, 1836, he was graduated from the college and seminary at that place, in 1857 and 1859, and was licensed by the West Pennsylvania Synod in the autumn of the latter year. He accepted a call to Christ church, Staunton, becoming the successor of the late Rev. Dr. J. B. Davis, and was ordained by the Synod of Virginia in 1860. From that year until 1887 he labored as a pastor at Staunton, Savannah, Staunton a second time, and at Grace church, Winchester, accepting a call to Zion church, Harrisburg, Pa., December 1, 1887, where he fell asleep October 16, 1905.

Dr. Gilbert, having spent 28 years of his ministry in the South and being prominent in its counsels, became well known and loved by our Southern Lutheran church. He was a leading spirit in all the great movements of the church, and his scholarly mind and gentle spirit and charming personality made him strong and influential in the far reaching problems of the past half century. His name will be linked to that development and appreciation of the history and worship and spirit of the church which has resulted in this United Synod. In all the events looking to a united church in the South he was prominent from the time as a young pastor he took part in the organization of the old General Synod in the South, writing the Constitution of that body. A delegate to the Salisbury Diet in 1885, his part in that meeting was second to not one of its members, and his gentle and patient disposition was prominent in guiding to a happy conclusion and consummation the conferences at Roanoke in 1886, resulting in the organization of this body, and his part in those historic conventions was so appreciated that the whole church turned to him as the brother beloved by all to be the first President of the United Synod. He served with distinction on many of its educational, missionary, and other

general committees, and his wise counsel and sound judgment made him a leader in the Southern church.

The most important service that he rendered the church was the Book of Worship. We owe to him the idea, the plan, and the name. While at Staunton, still little more than a boy, he wrote a series of articles for the *Southern Lutheran* on the importance and contents of such a book. He suggested the various parts of it and gave the reasons for them. The articles were widely read and approved. Our Book of Worship was the result, and Dr. L. A. Fox says: "This was the first of the books of this class in English in our church in America. Is it claiming too much to say that the idea was adopted by the general bodies in the North? If not, Dr. Gilbert rendered an exceedingly important service to the whole church in this country. But whether we can claim so much for him or not, the work he proposed and outlined has done more than any other one institution for the development of the Lutheran consciousness in the Southern church, and if he had done nothing else for us, this alone would entitle him to one of the highest places in its history."

Dr. Gilbert was a positive, decided Lutheran, and dear to him were the church's History, Doctrine, and Worship. Beautiful was his consecrated life rooted and grounded in his Lutheran faith, and few men in the church receive the universal esteem and love of his ministerial and lay brethren as that accorded him by the church in the South, for, from the Potomac to the Savannah, Dr. Gilbert was dear to the hearts of our Southern Zion. His name and memory will be handed down from father to son in the coming years in our Southland as the type of the ideal Christian gentleman and the cultured, unselfish, and faithful servant of God.

L. L. SMITH.

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS OF UNITED SYNOD—1906.

Index Number.	SYNODS.	Organized.	PAROCHIAL.																			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
								LOSSES.			ACCESSIONS.								FINANCES.					
			Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Studts. for Ministry	Catechumens.	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate	Restoration.	Communicant Members.	Confirmed Members.	Baptized Members.	Estimated Value Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for All Objects.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.
1	North Carolina	1803	64	.	10	12	846	99	175	131	399	29	270	227	22	7939	8693	12540	$ 268010 00	$ 3844 00	$ 31625 30	55	656	1656
2	Tennessee	1820	115	5	.	5	1198	127	117	2	417	52	302	113	.	9845	9845	13511	167760 00	4260 00	15762 32	78	572	4943
3	South Carolina	1824	77	.	15	6	530	191	85	2	377	36	327	156	23	9450	9992	12119	305991 70	14279 00	31344 27	70	608	5362
4	Virginia	1829	59	7	.	7	216	111	71	115	174	105	181	71	9	6042	6042	6531	215470 00	14499 00	30804 39	52	644	4010
5	Southwestern Virginia	1842	66	20	.	6	105	40	68	.	112	39	68	88	1	4719	4719	5546	145888 16	6141 00	8587 66	63	519	3150
6	Mississippi	1855	14	.	.	.	. .	5	4	.	6	3	7	3	.	717	717	723	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	4	17	175
7	Georgia	1860	19	.	7	1	135	49	41	.	167	21	108	81	.	2724	2724	. .	298575 00	. . . .	19982 04	16	187	1582
8	Holston	1861	25	.	.	1	72	23	4	5	78	8	50	9	.	1500	1500	1775	36400 00	743 50	2136 74	11	72	500
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NOTE.—The Secretary does not vouch for the accuracy of these figures, but believes them to be approximately correct. The District Synods have not followed any uniform system in their parochial tables, and, for the most part, secretaries have failed to foot up the totals. These difficulties, however, we hope to overcome hereafter.

$5.41 per capita is not so bad in the way of Benevolence.

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS OF UNITED SYNOD—1906—CONCLUDED.

Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		Y. P. SOCIETIES.			BENEVOLENCE.												
	CONTRIBUTIONS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.														
	For Support of Schools and Local Objects.	For Benevolence	Number of Members, including Juniors.	For Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Theological Seminary and College.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Aid Societies.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	$ 2987 50	$1050 88	2046	. . . .	$2294 17	. . . .	$1182 25	$ 448 50	$ 78 75	. . . .	$ 215 00	$ 297 10	$ 22 40	$1760 80	. . . .	. . . .	$10130 40	$ 41755 70
2	1266 38	203 38	352	$ 805 11	326 11	$ 825 10	850 99	516 21	. . . .	. . . .	165 25	. . . .	. . .	452 91	. . . .	$1021 11	3436 60	31913 26
3	2475 22	1125 79	469	495 25	448 78	1545 27	1673 69	979 45	14 81	$ 455 77	430 90	2441 82	. . .	1421 17	$1640 11	1415 97	29730 51	77703 68
4	2011 23	1161 56	216	384 51	411 14	363 55	1280 39	1342 88	122 26	334 48	117 48	1009 63	158 27	981 81	. . . .	. . . .	20537 01	35137 89
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7	2150 91	903 28	. .	. . . .	. . . .	284 20	1264 39	441 09	. . . .	48 20	. . . .	624 35	. . .	343 71	. . . .	1738 97	5830 17	27484 51
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TIME—Tuesday before the second Sunday in September, 1910.
PLACE—First English Lutheran Church, Richmond, Va.

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South convened in the Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., on Tuesday, October 6, 1908, at 8 p. m., and began the exercises of its eleventh regular convention.

The altar and preparatory services were conducted by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., after which the synodical sermon was preached by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., President of Synod, from Col. 1: 14.

The holy communion was then administered to the members of Synod. Communion service conducted by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1908, 9.30 A. M.

The Synod was formally opened, and the delegates were duly enrolled.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

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TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. R. A. Yoder, D. D., W. A. Deaton, Charles K. Bell, A. L. Bolick, J. F. Deal, E. L. Wessinger, A. R. Beck, M. A. Ashby, E. J. Sox, E. L. Lybrand.

Lay.—Messrs. W. A. Mauney, D. A. Rudisill, J. M. Rhodes, Prof. S. A. Wolff, W. A. Beck, Silone Pence, Hon. C. M. Efird, E. M. Minnick.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. S. T. Hallman, D. D., M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., W. H. Greever, D. D., M. O. J. Kreps, Z. W. Bedenbaugh, C. A. Freed, C. P. Boozer, James D. Kinard, W. A. C. Mueller, J. J. Long, W. P. Cline.

Lay.—Messrs. George B. Cromer, LL. D., A. H. Kohn, P. C. Price, A. G. Wise, Dr. O. B. Mayer, John C. Seegers, J. W. Jenny, J. F. Ficken, Dr. E. O. Hentz, J. D. Cappelman, W. P. Houseal.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., E. L. Folk, L. L. Smith, D. D., W. P. Huddle, W. H. Riser, J. A. Morehead, D. D., A. D. R. Hancher.

Lay.—Messrs. J. L. Wisman, Jacob Umlauf, J. E. Cooper, J. E. Cale, S. T. Shank, George J. Eichhorn, J. W. Stover.

SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. J. B. Greiner, D. D., T. O. Keister, D. D., L. A. Fox, D. D., S. C. Ballentine, John C. Peery.

Lay.—Messrs. H. D. Derrick, Dr. A. B. Greiner, S. S. Cassell, H. L. Bonham.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. M. J. Epting, E. C. Cronk, J. S. Elmore, T. W. Shealy.

Lay.—Messrs. E. D. Bedenbaugh, J. M. Gnann, Jacob Paulsen, C. C. Beebe.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. Walter C. Davis, W. H. Roof.

Lay.—Messrs. W. E. Bible, J. C. Whisman.*

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

Clerical.—Rev. J. L. Derrick.

Lay.—Mr. R. J. Beaver.

The President then read his report, which was received and held for reference to the proper committee.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST: We can enter upon another convention of the United Synod only with profound feelings of gratitude to our God and Savior, who not only permits us to labor in his kingdom, but has so abundantly blessed the labors of the Church, and in particular the part which is represented in this body. What the United Synod at its last convention felt called upon to undertake, and planned and proposed for the progress of the work of the Church, has in a large degree been successfully carried out, and in some respects almost beyond expectation. Not unto us, but unto the Lord be the glory! Paul planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. Yet ours is the joy of seeing the evidences of the Lord's blessing upon our undertakings. May he continue to look with favor upon us, and graciously bless this the eleventh convention of the United Synod.

The ends which we as a union of Lutheran synods pursue, are not only co-operation in certain works of a general interest. Our constitution lays down first as the object and aim of this united body "outward expression of the spiritual unity of the Synods concerned, and mutual strengthening in faith and confession." The union would fail, if under it our churches failed to grow in faith and in the apprehension of the truth set forth in our Confessions, whatever formal success might be achieved. We are living in perilous times. There is a widespread unsettling of established and most fundamental beliefs among professing Christians. We cannot hinder the touch of these influences, which do not stop at questioning even Apostolic faith, upon our circles; for they are present on every side. Hence it is more than

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ever necessary for us to seek mutual strengthening in faith and confession, and to cultivate spiritual unity. Whatever others may regard as the bond of unity and fellowship, we who are bound to the truth of God, contained in the Holy Scriptures, and set forth in our Confessions, can recognize no other bond of spiritual unity to hold us together in one body, one Spirit, one Lord, than one faith. But our faith can reveal itself distinctively and definitively only in our declarations and in practises conformed to them. It becomes us therefore to be careful how, by word or act, we give recognition and approval even to what comes to us in the name of Christianity or in the guise of Christian charity. We cannot be blind to the fact that much, that is put forth in the name of liberal, advanced, scientific, broad or even charitable views, is really a challenge to us to lay aside our distinctive and inherited beliefs or to defend them. We are not willing to lay them aside, and in defence of them it is necessary not to compromise them, nor to give countenance to what really antagonizes our faith, by an easy and falsely tolerant commingling with those whose principles and practises are not ours. Accordingly our churches should not give public recognition to societies outside of the Church, which pursue professedly benevolent ends, but on a basis not consistent with faith in Christ, the Redeemer ; societies of which Jesus Christ could not be a member. And while we know of no rigid rule of Scripture or Confession that would forbid common worship and work with Christians not of our own body, nevertheless it is necessary for us so to control the teaching, that shall be given in our churches, and the administration of the sacraments in them, that our faith be not by implication repudiated. To avoid the extremes of refusing even to pray with those who agree not with us in every point of doctrine, and of praying and worshiping indiscriminately with any who lay claim to the Christian name, or even with those who disown the name of Christ, is indeed not always easy. But a sound middle way, which maintains the purity of our doctrines and church life, and yet rejoices in the truth of Christ as it is evidenced among others, should be earnestly sought by us.

The progress of the work of the United Synod since its last convention is so well known, that it may appear superfluous for me to speak of it, especially as the various boards and committees of this body will discuss the different causes in their separate reports. But some observations and suggestions may be useful for encouragement or direction of thought.

In general the biennium has been one of gratifying progress. When we met at Dallas, the prominent enterprises before us were the proposed school in Japan and the proposed publication building. The

latter is a realized fact, and the money for the former was soon raised, so that its erection may begin. In this connection one is naturally reminded of our colleges at home and of the great prosperity they have enjoyed both in point of attendance and of increase of funds, buildings, and equipment.

Our Theological Seminary is steadily growing. Its present limited accommodations are really insufficient. The time has come for a concerted effort on a large scale to give to our school of theology the prestige and power it should have. The subject of the removal of the institution from its present inconvenient location is before you for action. But along with new buildings the seminary should have a larger endowment, so that a third regular professor or, at least instructor, could be added to the faculty.

The Orphan Home is steadily enlarging its beneficent work, and accordingly makes increased demands upon the beneficence of the congregations.

The publication cause has been pushed with a vigor and success, that upset the calculations of the cautious, slow-going ones among us. With the new publication building and the larger undertakings that are likely to be conducted in connection with it, the propriety of changing the present publishing committee into a Board of Publication, to have charge of these larger interests, suggests itself.

Our missionary work at home and abroad is calculated to fill us with pleasure and concern. It is a pleasure to realize that some substantial results are being worked out. Saga, Kumamota, Norfolk, Newport News, Lynchburg, Bristol, Lexington, High Point, Spartanburg, Florence, Atlanta, are names that stand for things done among us. And yet it must cause us concern to observe that results accomplished only seem to open up greater opportunities and responsibilities. To him that hath, shall be given. Only he that does nothing, finds nothing to do. Our foreign work calls for expansion. Our home field demands more complete occupation and tillage. Our work has always been beyond our developed resources. And now every one of our Synods feels strained to the limit of its ability to keep abreast with the demands, especially in home missionary work ; and the United Synod as a whole feels similarly strained. What shall be done ? " In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand." And use wisdom. Where so much is to be done, not all can be done at once. Our efforts must be applied at one point now, and at another point at a different time. The convention at Dallas was predominantly a foreign mission convention, and we rejoice in it. This convention, it appears to me, might suitably be made predominantly a home mission convention.

One of the marks of spiritual unity is the use of a common Book of Worship. In this respect we have not yet attained to perfect unity, although our Book of Worship is growing in favor. One hindrance to its greater acceptance is the fact that with the service and hymns we have not the music which our congregations desire. For years there has been a demand for an edition of our book with music, and that demand is becoming more urgent. It should be met as soon as practicable. As was shown by the report of the Committee on Book of Worship at Dallas, the cost of such an edition with music will really be beyond the resources available for the committee. A fund by donations to cover the first cost may perhaps be raised. The preparation of a book with music will also require special knowledge of tunes and music, as well as musical editing. If the Committee on Book of Worship is instructed to get out a musical edition, an auxiliary committee to secure funds and to assist in editing the book ought to be appointed, the joint committee having authority to employ a musical editor.

There has been sent to me by the Rev. C. E. Weltner a report on the Deaconess Training Work, carried on by him at Columbia, with the request that it be submitted to this body. At an earlier date I was requested by the Rev. Mr. Weltner to refer to this work in this report. I cheerfully comply with both requests, especially as the Georgia Synod requested that the subject of Inner Missions be included in the program of addresses to this convention. There is manifestly growing up among us an interest in the claims of the Inner Mission work upon us, and I am sure this Synod hails the opening of a new field of organized Christian activity with joy. The aggressiveness of the Rev. Mr. Weltner in not waiting to be told to begin, but in beginning what he saw was needed, merits our warmest commendation. I bespeak for his report the careful consideration which it deserves, and trust that its consideration will lead to some suitable action in regard to Inner Missions.

It is a fact worth noting that the authorized representation from Synods in this body has reached the hundred mark in this convention. This is an indication of a growth in membership ; but it also suggests the question whether it is expedient that the representation in this body should become any larger than it is at present. To change the apportionment of delegates would involve a change of the constitution.

This report would be incomplete without a reference to the Laymen's Conference, which was held in the yet incompleted Publication Building in Columbia on December 4 and 5, 1907. It is not for me to report the proceedings of that interesting and enthusiastic gath-

ering, but to call attention to the large possibilities of fruitful activity that may grow out of it. I was present at the conference to learn what hope and promise there was in it, and to observe what particular aim and purpose it would make its own. The impression I received was that the Laymen's Movement, there inaugurated, was to be not another organization in the Church, but a focus of agitation and stimulation to produce a more active support of the existing agencies of the Church, especially in the field of missions. I gave it then my most cordial endorsement, and I do so now, trusting that you will concur in it.

The condition of our treasury demands attention. The expenses of this body are increasing. We are in debt to the patient printers of our minutes. We are in debt on account of the picture charts, which we had prepared for Sunday-schools. Our present method of raising revenue, by an assessment on the Synods, is inadequate. It fails to yield sufficient revenue, and what comes in, comes too irregularly. Steps ought to be taken to secure a reliable and regular revenue, if possible.

I now proceed to give a record of the *official acts*, which it fell to me to perform since the last convention.

Shortly after my return from the meeting at Dallas, in accordance with the instruction of this body to explain to the General Council and the General Synod why no delegates from this body were in attendance upon their sessions, I wrote to the president of each of the bodies named, making the required explanation. On August 13, 1906, I received from the President of the General Synod, the Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D. D., a communication, enclosing a letter from the Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D. D., the fraternal delegate from that body, explaining as the reason why he failed to extend the greetings, with which he was charged, to this body, that he did not learn the time of our meeting.

By action of the last convention, the President and Treasurer were instructed to borrow $558.67 and to pay the same to the Stecher Lithographic Company, of Rochester, N. Y., on the fulfillment of certain obligations on the part of that company. When I learned from the United Synod Publishing Company, our agents, that the conditions had been complied with, and that the corrected bill amounted to $568.02 instead of $558.67, I made arrangements with the Treasurer to borrow the necessary amount and to pay our obligation in full. On December 16, 1906, I was notified by our Treasurer that he had paid the Stecher Lithographic Company $568.02.

This transaction suggests the inquiry: How shall the indebtedness, thus incurred, be liquidated, and how shall the Picture Charts, most

of which are unsold, be disposed of? The Charts are selling very slowly, and I assumed the responsibility of authorizing our agents to fill a large order from the Lutheran Book Concern at a special price. The remainder ought to be disposed of as quickly as possible. A statement of the cash received and the expense of handling, up to September 26, together with a check for $104.94, was received by me from the United Synod Publishing Company. The check was promptly forwarded to the Treasurer. The statement is herewith submitted to you.

On February 23, 1907, I received from a Lutheran in Thorsby, Ala., a letter, requesting the beginning of an English mission there. This led to a correspondence extending over several months, from which however nothing substantial resulted. Rev. D. A. Sox, of Carrollton, Ga., at my request visited Thorsby and reported favorably. I then made an effort to enlist the active interest of the Georgia Synod, it being contiguous to Alabama, in this enterprise. But the correspondence with the President of that body led to no manifest result.

In August, 1907, the Rev. John W. Horine removed from the bounds of the United Synod. On August 13, 1907, Rev. Mr. Horine placed in my hands his resignation as a member of the Publishing Committee and as chairman and member of the Committee on Common Book of Worship, together with the papers, belonging to the committee, in his possession; also his report as delegate of this body to the last convention of the General Synod, which is herewith submitted to you. It was with deep regret that I accepted the resignation of Rev. Mr. Horine as a co-worker with us, efficient, painstaking, exact in his methods, and ardently devoted to the responsible work which this body had assigned to him.

On August 15, 1907, I appointed the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., no novice in our work, a member of the Committee on Common Book of Worship, in place of Rev. Mr. Horine, the appointment to go into effect, August 20. To my gratification the appointment was accepted, and Dr. Scherer was elected chairman of the committee.

On August 15, 1907, I also appointed the Rev. W. P. Cline to succeed Rev. Mr. Horine as a member of the Publishing Committee, the appointment to go into effect August 20, and soon had the pleasure of Rev. Mr. Cline's acceptance.

On September 22, 1907, I received notice from the President of the Mission Board, the Rev. Dr. R. C. Holland, that the Rev. W. L. Seabrook had filed his resignation as a member of the Mission Board. No action on my part was necessary, as the said Board has power to fill vacancies occurring in it between conventions of this body.

On October 25, 1907, I was informed by the President of the South Carolina Synod that Rev. W. L. Seabrook had received from that body a transfer to the Maryland Synod. This created a vacancy on the Publishing Committee, which was filled by the appointment on November 12, 1907, of the Rev. J. Austin as a member of the said committee. The appointment was accepted. It is proper here to say a word of appreciation of the earnestness and efficiency of the Rev. W. L. Seabrook in the work of this body, especially on the Mission Board and the Publishing Committee.

On September 8, 1908, I received the resignation of the Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, LL. D., as a member of the Publishing Committee. His removal from the bounds of this body and from connection with our work is a cause of deep regret. As the time was so near this convention, I deemed it unnecessary to fill the vacancy.

To crystallize the suggestions scattered through this report, I reduce them to the following recommendations, some of which may perhaps overlap recommendations contained in other reports :

1. Steps should be taken to increase the funds of the Theological Seminary.

2. In place of the present Publishing Committee a Board of Publication should be elected, said Board to have charge of all the publishing interests of the United Synod.

3. An auxiliary committee should be appointed to assist the Committee on Common Book of Worship, to provide ways and means to issue the Book of Worship with music, and to edit the same, if the issuance of the book is practicable.

4. The constitution should be amended to prevent the further increase of the size of the conventions of this body.

5. The Laymen's Movement should be endorsed, and its president requested to present a report of its aims and work to this convention.

6. A committee should be appointed to devise ways and means to secure adequate revenue for this body and to liquidate its indebtedness.

7. The President should be authorized to arrange for the sale of the Picture Charts on hand, at reduced prices, if necessary.

8. A Committee on Inner Missions should be appointed to present the claims of this work upon our churches, and to report on the report submitted by the Rev. C. E. Weltner on his Deaconess Training Work.

I herewith submit to you all documents, pertaining to the work of this convention, received by me, and I also have in readiness all letters received by me connected with my official acts.

As I lay down the office, which you committed to me two years ago, I do so with a profound appreciation of the honor it implies, with thankfulness for the courtesy and helpful consideration shown me, with appreciation of your indulgence with my mistakes and shortcomings, and with the prayer that God's blessing may rest upon this convention and all the work and members of the United Synod.

A. G. VOIGT.

The election of officers resulted as follows :

OFFICERS.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., President.

Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., Vice-President.

Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., Secretary.

Hon. C. H. Duls, Treasurer.

The Secretary read the Rules of Order, and the following amendments were made : As No. 7 "Committee on Orphan Home" was inserted. See p. 6 of By-Laws and Rules of Order.

On page 4 of By-Laws to No. 11, in the Order of Business, the words, "And Orphan Home" were added.

The Minutes of last convention were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Minutes.

The Treasurer's Report was read by the Secretary of Synod and referred to the proper committee.

The hours of daily sessions were fixed at from 9.30 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 3 to 5 p. m.

The Report of the Board of Missions was read and referred to the proper committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELCAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

Embracing the period from July, 1906 to Oct. 1, 1908—Two years and three months.

BOARD ORGANIZED.

The Board as constituted by the United Synod, at its last Conven-

tion, met July 14th in Dallas, N. C., and organized by electing the following officers :

Rev. R. C. Holland, *President.*
Rev. W. L. Seabrook, *Recording Secretary.*
Mr. John A. Cline, *Treasurer.*

These officers, together with Rev. W. C. Schaeffer and Rev. W. A. Deaton, constituted the Executive Committee ; the Treasurer and Mr. J. E. Cooper being made advisory members.

The other members of the Board were Messrs. R. W. Kime, Jno. M. Lichtinwanger, J. W. Eberly and Rev. J. H. Murphy.

Rev. W. L. Seabrook having resigned October 1, 1907, his place was filled by the election of Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, who was subsequently made Recording Secretary, and as such became a member of the Executive Committee.

THE MISSIONARY SUPERINTENDENT.

The Board of Missions, acting under authority of the United Synod, elected as Superintendent of Missions, September 28, 1905, Rev. R. C. Holland, who on the 19th of October of the same year signified his acceptance of the office. Under special arrangement with the Board, he retained his pastoral relation to his church in Charlotte till October 1, 1908, at which time in response to action of the Board, and the claims of the Cause of Missions, he relinquished his pastoral work and entered fully upon the duties of his office as superintendent, the Board voting for his support $1400 annually and necessary expenses incurred in execution of his official duties.

THE MISSION SCHOOL IN JAPAN, AND THE $25,000 FUND.

The great task laid upon the Board by the United Synod at Dallas in July, 1906, of raising the sum of $25,000 for the building and equipping of this Mission School, was undertaken as promptly as possible, and its successful accomplishment within twelve months, the campaign closing June 15, 1907, reflects credit upon the churches of the United Synod. The plan adopted was cheerfully accepted, and through extensive correspondence and the valuable aid of Dr. C. L. Brown in his extensive visitation among the churches, the interest of our people found expression in generous responses. The largest individual contribution was $2,000. The next was $1,000. The women through their Forward Movement were a most serviceable auxiliary, their gift amounting to $5,000. In addition to those named above, three hundred names are enrolled as representing shares or parts of shares of $100. The plan involved as share takers only those who were consid-

ered financially able, but there were many gifts which were beautified by evident self-denial.

It is proper to connect with this historic movement, the sympathetic and invaluable assistance of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, which, in this as well as in all other departments of our Mission work, has made possible whatever of success may have characterized the work of the Board.

CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER GENERAL BODIES.

1.—IN JAPAN.

In conformity with action of our Board suggesting that the General Council Board of Foreign Missions be memorialized in regard to joining us in prosecuting work in Japan, the representatives of our Board, upon invitation, appeared before the Council Board of Missions in Philadelphia, February 7, 1898, and were cordially received.

The result was that the Board of the General Council resolved to send one or more missionaries to work with us in that field, said missionary to be under the direction of the Board sending him out. We learn that on the 6th of September, 1908, Rev. Frisby D. Smith was formally commissioned as such missionary, and that he sailed for Japan from San Francisco, in company with Dr. C. L. Brown and family, September 15, 1908.

This cordial spirit and prompt action of the Foreign Mission Board of the General Council will doubtless be acknowledged with peculiar pleasure by the United Synod, as giving occasion for larger hopes and more effective service in the great cause to which this body has pledged untiring devotion.

"The United Danish Evangelical Lutheran church in America," represented in Kurume, Japan, by Rev. and Mrs. J. M. T. Winther, and Rev. and Mrs. Yonemura, have been in close and most amicable relationship with our missionaries for some years, and we have every reason to believe that this relationship will continue.

Rev. L. Johnson, of St. Louis, Mo., Secretary, in a communication regarding co-operation in Our Mission School, to be established by the United Synod, writes : "I share the conviction that such co-operation is not alone possible, but assured ; and that it, under the guidance and blessing of God, will be of great benefit both for our Missions in Japan and for our synods at home."

2.—IN THE HOME FIELD.

In the Home Field, little progress in co-operation, has been made

beyond correspondence and conference with representatives of the Home Mission Board of the General Synod and General Council.

Our proposition to yield Alabama to the General Council, and to the General Synod that part of Tennessee west of Meridian 86.30 for this respective home mission work within our bounds, has been accepted by them.

With respect to Alabama, Dr. Kunzman makes the following proposition, which is esteemed most generous, and has been concurred in by our Board.

"I shall recommend to the Home Mission Board of the General Council the establishment of a Southern Department of Home Missionary operations, and the securing of special contributions as in Northern work, to employ one or more Field Missionaries to establish Missions in the State of Alabama assigned to us by the Mission Board of the United Synod in whose territory they are located.

The work of the Field Missionaries shall be reported to both Boards.

It is understood that no Field Missionary or other mission agents shall be employed or continued who are not satisfactory to both Home Missions Boards.

The question as to when the Field Missionary shall leave the Mission to begin at a new point before it is self-sustaining and the support of the local Missionary shall be arranged between the two Boards as well as all property and building matters."

We have learned that the Home Mission Board of the General Council has adopted the plan thus outlined. Up to this date however, there has been no practical beginning of operations in the State of Alabama. We are in good position to give most generous interpretation of whatever delay may occur in fulfilling this kindly purpose. The vastness of the home field, and the inviting open doors for our church is both stimulating and paralyzing.

CHATTANOOGA.

In reference to Chattanooga which lies east of 86.30 and within our territory in Tennessee, correspondence with the Secretary of General Synod Board developed the fact that said Board had already made some initial effort toward the establishment of an English Mission there, and that the Women's Missionary Society of that body was anxious to take up that work, and was preparing so to do.

In view of this status of affairs, and also of our present inability to assume the great financial burden involved, our Board agreed to let the General Synod authorities prosecute the work in that city. Our latest information induces the belief that such work has not as yet taken definite shape.

GIFTS AND ANNUITIES

The Board of Missions is in receipt of five thousand dollars from Mrs. Amanda Ella Bernheim, to be used for the purposes of the Board. Articles of agreement have been duly executed whereby the Board pays to her annually during her life, (or that of her husband, Dr. G. D. Bernheim, should he survive her) a sum equal to six per cent. as an annuity. The said $5,000 being the property of the Board as a gift without other condition than that above named.

Of this amount the sum of $2,000 has been assigned to the Church Extension Fund, concerning which reference is made elsewhere. Another $2,000 consists of a bond for that amount secured by mortgage on Bernheim Hall given by the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, located at Mt. Pleasant, S. C., and transferred to the Board of Missions. This note bears interest at 6 per cent. per annum.

Miss Ada V. Miller has made a donation to the Church Extension Fund of the sum of five hundred dollars, in addition to a similar amount given for the Mission School for Japan.

These donations, together with those previously referred to in connection with the Mission School fund, call for grateful recognition on the part of the United Synod.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS.

There are at present four synodical societies known as Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies : to-wit, in the North Carolina, South Carolina, Southwestern Virginia, and Holston Synods. The last named has been only very recently organized, and has not enlisted in the general work. These societies have remained loyal to the Mission work of the United Synod, and have rendered an indispensable service. The three first named unite in the support of Missionary Dr. C. L. Brown to the extent of $1,400 a year. They contribute also toward the general Home Mission Work though in not equal measure.

The Children's Societies which may be considered as auxiliary to the Woman's Societies give upon an average about $200 each annually to Foreign Missions, and the residue of these funds is directed to Synodical Home Missions. When we estimate that nearly $2,000 annually flow into the Foreign Mission treasury, through the women and children of three synodical organizations, we recognize an efficiency of management worthy of highest commendation. The women and the children seem especially ordained of God in our Mission work to perfect His praise. The cause owes much to them for the advance made so far, and must continue to look to their generous offerings as essential to the continued progress of the Mission in Japan.

THE MISSION LEAGUE.

This League has an enrollment of 325. The receipts from members for 1907 amounted to $1,579. This indicates what a valuable agency this is in our United Synod. The majority of the members have chosen the Japan Mission for their annual gifts.

We had hoped to greatly enlarge the membership during the past biennium, and were hoping for substantial results through the Laymen's Missionary Movement projected by the Board; but the elimination of the word "Missionary" from the title when said movement assumed organized being, forbade our continuing along the line proposed. While from the standpoint of Missions we experienced temporary disappointment, we feel assured that in the outcome benefit must come to our cause, along with the general uplift contemplated. At the same time the high claim of the Mission cause has made it proper that the Mission League be recognized as an existing agency in behalf of missions, demanding the United Synod's continued endorsement coupled with an appeal to the laymen of the church to rally to the gallant three hundred who have remained faithful through the last three years to the extent of $5,000.

But for this League we could not have met the Foreign Mission outlay during the last two years.

The Board contemplated also substantial results in the way of addition to the membership through the itinerary of Dr. Lippard, but circumstances interfered to prevent a profitable prosecution of the work in this behalf.

We are hoping to capture large successes in the name of the Lutheran Mission League of the South, in enrolling many laymen as members pledged to give not less than five to twenty-five dollars annually to form a guarantee fund for successful missionary propaganda.

THE LIBERALITY OF THE WINCHESTER CHURCH.

We would put on record that Grace church, Winchester, Va., has assumed to support Missionary Rev. L. S. G. Miller to the extent of $800 per annum. This is in addition to the benefactions of the congregation passing through the regular channels. This congregation stands credited with $3,050 for the school in Japan, $225 annually for Naomaru, and a worthy enrollment in the Mission League. The Board of Missions would be untrue to its sentiment of appreciation, did it fail to make grateful acknowledgment of this signal devotion to the cause of Missions, and to commend this as an example worthy to be prayerfully studied and followed by all our churches.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS AND MISSIONS.

The importance of developing a missionary spirit is beyond all

question. God forbid that any Lutheran of the coming generation should be heard to say, "I am opposed to missions." It is imperative that we make this subject prominent in the Sunday-school. Herein lies very largely the hope of our church's future. One Sunday in every month should be missionary Sunday. This was the emphatic declaration of the Women's Conference at Dallas. It is the practice of a few of our churches in the South. The various Mission Boards of the United States have made strong declarations on this subject.

It is possible to approximate this monthly order, if pastors are fully awake to the vital importance of the subject.

The Board of Missions designate two mission festivals, one known as "April Japan Day," and the other as "Luther Day" for Home Missions. This is Sunday nearest 10th of November.

The responses from the schools have been cheering, and there is every indication of a growth of interest in this direction. These two annual appointments furnish the Board an opportunity to keep in touch with this department of church work, and to aid pastors and schools to some extent in giving emphasis to the claims of the cause.

OUR FOREIGN MISSION—JAPAN.

(1) OUR MISSIONARIES.

We have now in the Japan field a larger missionary force than at any time heretofore. This is a matter of sincere joy.

REV. C. L. BROWN, D. D.

Dr. Brown sailed for Japan, with his wife and children, on the 15th of September, 1908, and October 1st completed his tenth year of service. His own illness in the fall of 1907 rendered it impossible for him to return to Japan at that date according to arrangement. The subsequent illness of Mrs. Brown caused further necessary delay. This has, however, proved of vast benefit to the church at home, as well as to their personal equipment for the work they have now resumed in Japan. They left Salem, Va., September 5th in good health and spirits, with the consciousness of renewed consecration to the work. By the first of October, the S. S. Mongolia, upon which they set sail, if voyage was prosperous, arrived at Yokohama. We trust that at this date they have joined the other brethren at Saga and Kumamoto.

The work devolved upon Dr. Brown upon his arrival, will be chiefly to arrange in conference with the other missionaries, for the location, building, and inauguration of the Mission School. This was devolved upon him primarily by the action of the Board of Missions, passed May 16, 1907. Said action was as follows:

"Resolved, That one member of the mission in Japan be appointed whose chief work shall be a thorough study of all conditions attend-

ing the erection and organization of the Mission School, and who shall have necessary liberty and authority in his movements; all his acts being subject to the approval of the mission."

"Resolved, That Rev. C. L. Brown be appointed to this position."

REV. C. K. LIPPARD, D. D.

Rev. Dr. Lippard after a residence in Japan of six years, returned to this country, November, 1906, with the full consent of the Board. The occasion of his return at that time was the condition of health of Mrs. Lippard.

They reached Chicago, November 27, 1906. In view of the continued illness of Mrs. Lippard, Dr. Lippard remained in Chicago until September, 1907. They then moved to North Carolina, taking up residence at Hickory. During that fall and winter, Dr. Lippard visited a number of churches, attended two Women's Missionary Conventions, the Tennessee, Georgia, and South Carolina Synods.

Upon being certified by Mrs. Lippard's physician that she could safely return to Japan as early as March, 1908, they left for Chicago about the first of that month, and on the 27th of same month started for Japan by way of San Francisco, and with his family, after a successful voyage, reached Yokohama, April 10, 1908.

On the second day of June he moved to Saga, and took up residence in the mission home belonging to the Reformed mission—a comfortable and commodious mansion built in foreign style, paying therefor $15 per month rent. Dr. and Mrs. Lippard write cheerful words home relative to the comforts afforded in their well appointed residence.

REV. A. J. STIREWALT.

This brother arrived in Japan, January 1, 1906, and is now nearing the end of a three years' service. For almost two of these years, the administration of the affairs of the mission devolved upon him exclusively, and for a considerable part of these two years he was our only representative upon the field. The Board has on several occasions sent him expressions of appreciation of his trying situation and very faithful and efficient services. The Lord has sustained him in the difficult and responsible work, giving him continued health and strength. It devolved upon him to oversee the Danish mission during the prolonged absence of Missionary Winther, besides having the care of all the stations of our own mission.

He has had his residence at Kumamoto, and holds the position of treasurer of the mission.

REV. L. S. G. MILLER.

On the 15th day of May, 1907, this young brother was called by our Mission Board as our fourth missionary to Japan. On the 20th day

of May, 1907, the call was accepted, said acceptance being accompanied by these words: "For a long time I have considered the matter, and have asked for divine guidance, and everything has pointed me toward Japan. I have considered the matter carefully, and now that I have been officially called by the Board, I feel that there is only one thing for me to do, and that is to go."

Rev. Miller was ordained by the Synod of Virginia on the 23d day of August, 1907, and sailed from Seattle for Japan, November 27, 1907.

Rev. Miller is devoting himself assiduously to the study of the Japanese language.

We have no doubt of divine guidance whereby the mission in Japan has procured the services of this consecrated and talented young man. He is the son of Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., now professor in the Theological Seminary of the United Synod. We append

A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY.

Lewis Samuel Godfrey Miller was born at Salem, Va., August 23, 1881. In March, 1888, he removed to Winchester, Va., when his father became pastor there, and remained there at school until May, 1895, at which time the family removed to Roanoke, Va., his father having assumed charge of the congregation there at that time. The following September he entered the preparatory department of Roanoke College, which institution he attended without intermission until his graduation in 1901. Immediately after graduation he took a position in an engineering corps in Eastern Kentucky, in which he remained several months, which he exchanged for a position in the construction department of the Bell Telephone, at and near Pittsburg, Pa., with which he remained some three years. Whilst there he formally united, by certificate, with the congregation at Rochester, Pa., of which Rev. F. A. Bowers was and is pastor. In the fall of 1904 he entered the Philadelphia Theological Seminary, at Mt. Airy, from which he graduated in June, 1907. Almost immediately thereafter he accepted the call of our Southern church, through its Board, to become one of its missionaries in Japan, which field he reached last December.

Rev. Miller began teaching in High Technical School, Kumamoto, January 17, 1908, and continued till the first of June, receiving a salary of 50 yen per month, and giving four hours per week. It is said that he taught in English, and thus came in close contact with certain students which was evidently mutually beneficial. The money received for this service was turned into our mission treasury.

MESSAGES FROM THE FIELD.

Our report would be not only very incomplete, but quite unsatis-

factory without some message from the missionaries themselves. We therefore present first some views from the pen of Dr. Brown, as they are presented in manuscript fresh from his hand. This manuscript with some supplementary matter is soon to be issued by the Board in book form. We now present a few extracts which are deemed appropriate for present use.

The first is taken from chapter entitled

"THE UNITED SYNOD IN JAPAN."

(Rev. C. L. Brown, D. D.)

"Our Japan Mission was opened in the year 1892. We have therefore been at work about sixteen years. During the greater part of this time only two missionary families were on the field. For two years Dr. Peery was alone, and at no time were there more than three families in Japan. This mission began with one Japanese worker and his wife, and was able later on to secure the services of three others and an additional Bible woman. There have been theological students who gave temporary assistance. There have occurred many changes in our working force from time to time, but, generally speaking, we have never had more than four male and two female Japanese workers (kindergarten teachers excluded).

You will perhaps admit that this is a very small working force for a country like Japan, and the question naturally arises, what has this force been able to accomplish?

A broad historical outline would run something like this: After a short residence in Tokyo, Missionaries Scherer and Peery came to Saga, on the extreme southern island of Kyushu, and opened our mission. Mr. Yamanouchi and his wife entered the mission at the same time. Evangelistic work in those days was more difficult than now. The interior of Japan had not yet been opened to free foreign travel and residence. Hence Dr. Scherer entered Saga as a government school teacher, and Dr. Peery as an employee of Mr. Yamanouchi's English Night School, which he established for temporary convenience. The missionaries lost no time in renting chapels and beginning public preaching. Some of these meetings were disturbed by the prejudiced populace.

Two years later Mr. Yamanouchi Naomaru, a young man just from the Seminary, was employed as our second evangelist, and after another two years Mr. Wasa was engaged as both language teacher and lay preacher. About the same time Mr. Kumi (no longer with us) was given private theological instruction and placed in charge of a chapel.

Up to the fall of 1898, or five years after work was begun, all evangelistic work was concentrated in Saga aud some outlying smaller

towns. Those efforts were not unattended with success. A very respectable little congregation was baptized, among whom were three or four well-to-do families. When we arrived in Japan in November, 1898, there was a regular Sunday attendance of from 20 to 35 persons.

In the fall of 1898 the first important expansive step was taken by locating Mr. Naomaru in the city of Kumamoto, a city of 70,000 inhabitants. After two years of language study in Saga, I followed him there December 10, 1900. Kumamoto then became our second mission center, only eight years ago. In the meantime Mr. Winther, the Danish missionary, had decided to co-operate with us, and after a temporary stay in Saga moved to Kurume, a city of 35,000 inhabitants, and about ten miles distant from Saga. At the time we moved to Kumamoto, Rev. and Mrs. Lippard had come out to reinforce the mission (fall 1900), and five years ago Miss Johnson was added to the Danish force in Kurume. Miss Johnson has since returned home on account of ill health.

In November, 1902, another important step was taken along the line of expansion. The large town of Omuta, having 20,000 inhabitants, 30 miles from Kumamoto, seemed to present possibilities. We decided, therefore, to take Mr. Wasa from Saga and place him in Omuta. Results have proved the wisdom of this step. While the work there is small, and will perhaps remain so, it costs little, and is one of the brightest spots in our missionary experience.

Three years ago another large city presenting possibilities was added. This is Hakata, distant from Saga about 35 miles, and from Kurume 20 miles, having population of 70,000. Mr. Yamanouchi, formerly of Saga, is in charge of this station, having moved there in January of this year. To supply Saga, Mr. Ueda was called from Ogi. Mr. Ueda is an unordained worker who was with us till recently. His place in Saga is now filled by Mr. Wasa.

The present distribution of our workers is, therefore, as follows:

Saga, Dr. and Mrs. Lippard, with Mr. Wasa and family, and Mura Kikuko San, the Bible woman and kindergarten teacher.

Kurume, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. T. Winther, Mr. and Mrs. Yonemura.

Hakata, Rev. and Mrs. Yamanouchi.

Omuta, Mr. and Mrs. Takahashi, who came to us only recently.

Kumamoto, Revs. Stirewalt and Miller and Rev. and Mrs. Naomaru Yamanouchi.

The location of Dr. and Mrs. Brown is yet undetermined.

Our Mission has preached the Gospel in Saga, therefore, for 16 years; in Kumamoto, 14 years; in Omuta, 6 years; in Hakata, 3 years; and in Kurume about 7 years.

The number of preaching places is as follows: Kumamoto, 3; Saga, 3; near Saga, 3; Omuta, 2; Hakata, 1; Kurume, 3.

As a result, our enrolled and resident membership stands thus:
Saga—enrolled, 152; resident, 26.
Kumamoto—enrolled, 67; resident, 28.
Omuta—enrolled, 43; resident, 21.
Kurume—enrolled, 56; resident, 23.
Hakata—enrolled, 43; resident, 26.

Now, then, you will notice that the number of baptized members is all out of proportion to the number of resident members. This cannot be avoided. All the churches suffer from the same conditions. Our Christians are constantly moving from place to place. The local congregations lose, but society at large gains. The effect on society is in a small way like that of the early Christians after their dispersion by persecutions. Our Mission suffers very much more than the larger ones, because they have stations in nearly all important places, and can thus receive their moving members into immediate fellowship. We are unable to do this. Hence it is that we are always catechising and baptizing the results of our own labors, but seldom if ever receive members by letter from other bodies. This condition of affairs makes self-support slow and difficult. This is the average condition all over Kyushu. We are confident of greater progress after a very few years.

Our own small mission has members scattered all over Japan—some of them men of great promise. We can boast of six University men, which we think a cause of great thanksgiving. We have a family in Formosa, two men in America on the Pacific coast. We are not without representation even in Korea. As far as possible we keep trace of all such members and remind them of their Christian connection. But manifestly many of them grow cold and indifferent.

In material things the mission has made great progress in the past eight years. Up till 1900 we owned no mission property. In the late fall of that year, the Saga chapel was finished and dedicated at a total cost of about $900. Two years later the mission home at Kumamoto was purchased for $950. About $500 worth of repairs have since been added, but this was done with money received from Government School for teaching. In 1904 the Board paid for the Saga Mission Home $400, and about the same time the Winchester congregation gave $225 for the purchase of a small street-side chapel in Saga. Finally, in 1905, we were able to build and consecrate a good chapel in Kumamoto at a cost of $1,700 (including parsonage). We have spent, therefore, on property $4,675. All this property was obtained at low prices, and today is worth about $6,000, though if we were forced to sell the two chapels built in foreign style we might have to lose on them, as they are not suited for any other purpose than for public meetings.

At this point we would call attention to a very important feature of our work, kindergartens and Sunday-schools for the children.

The reason why the church of today manifests more interest than ever before in the work of missions is because the church of today is better informed on the subject. This interest will continue to grow in proportion to the spread of information. And a study of the subject will prove that information is most effective when applied to the hearts of the young. Our churches do not grow where the young are not taught.

The same is true in a heathen land. Several generations at least, are required to christianize any nation, and the most effective work during this period is the training of child hearts and minds. Hence any effort to reach the children of Japan should receive encouragement.

The most common method pursued today may be called Sunday-school work, though the meetings are not limited to Sunday.

Stations in various parts of the city and suburbs are opened where children are gathered and taught the Word of God and Christian songs. At present there are two such schools in Kumamoto with a hundred children ; three in Saga with 100 children ; in Omuta one, with 40 children ; in Hakata one, with 50 children ; in Kurume three, with 100 children."

We next present some views from same author and same manuscript, under the heading,

"WHERE AND HOW YOUR MONEY GOES."

"Full investigation has proved that Mission Boards are economical in the expenditure of their funds. Experience shows that full confidence may be placed in their ability to accomplish the largest things with the smallest means. Still, the public like to know into what channels their money goes. They like to be informed, too, as to about how much is required to do a certain work. My object here following is to indicate where and how your contributions go.

The missionary's salary is the largest item in the annual budget. Five Japanese can be supported with what it requires to maintain one missionary. We can not enter here into explanation of this whole subject of missionary support. But let me remind my readers that the missionaries' support is kept on the lowest possible basis, and that any other policy than that now pursued, instead of being economical, would be expensive in the end. The missionary is yet indispensable. But he must be dispensed with as soon as conditions will allow, because he is expensive.

Next comes the support for the evangelists. These are paid from $15 to $20 per month, with some special allowance when necessity

arises. To be sure this support is rather insufficient, but it is only another evidence that Boards and Mission are financially careful.

Chapel rents are no small item. In some towns they are cheap, renting from $2 to $4 per month. In larger cities we must pay from $7 to $10.

Repairs must constantly be made and require $200 or $300 every year.

Then there are the taxes and the traveling expenses. These are necessary because the whole missionary and evangelistic support is on so low a basis that all extras must be borne by the Mission Board. No missionary nor evangelist can afford to pay his own taxes or traveling expenses incurred on mission business. Neither missionary nor evangelist receives a salary, but only a support deemed absolutely essential under the conditions of his life.

When the Board does not own its own mission homes another item of considerable expense must be added. We had paid no rent for some years until very recently, when the Saga Mission house was condemned as unfit for use in its present condition. Another house is now being rented for $15 per month.

Your missionaries must be taken to the field, and brought home again on furlough. When this occurs the drain on our Board's treasury is extreme. The cost of one way passage to South Japan, is from $200 to $250, according to circumstances, for each individual.

Thus goes the $7,000 or $8,000 expended annually by our Board. There are other expenses hardly worth mentioning in detail, but amounting to much in the total. For results we challenge comparison with a like expenditure at home."

So far Dr. Brown. We shall now let Rev. A. J. Stirewalt speak from the midst of the work, though his statistics antedate by a few months, those of Dr. Brown. This will account for any slight variation in figures, where they touch upon the same points, due doubtless to recent accessions made since the date of Rev. Stirewalt's letter, which bears date of April, 1908.

REPORT OF REV. A. J. STIREWALT.

KUMAMOTO : Number of baptized and communicant members in the city or within easy reach of the city, 28 ; infant membership, 8 ; baptisms during the year 1907, adult, 1 ; infant, 1 ; confirmations, 1 ; Sunday-schools, 3. One Sunday-school at the church every Sunday morning, with an average attendance of 40. One Sunday-school at Sunatori, a suburb of Kumamoto, every Thursday p. m., with an average of 30. One Sunday-school at Yokomachi, another part of the city of Kumamoto, every Tuesday evening, with an average of 10. Until last fall we also had a Sunday-school at Terabara, another section of the city, with an average of about 35. Circumstances made it

advisable to discontinue this one. The Sunday-school work in Kumamoto had been in charge of Rev. Yamanouchi Naomaru and Mr. Takahashi, until about a month ago, when the latter was removed to Omuta, since which time, Mr. Yamanouchi has had the sole oversight.

It might be stated that since January 1 of this year, we have received 5 adults into the church here by baptism. Besides the regular preaching in the church every Sunday morning and evening, we have preaching at Yokomachi every Tuesday evening. This is a chapel open to the street, and is intended to reach those whose attention can be arrested as they pass along the street. This place has an average attendance of about 30 persons, many of these coming and going during the time. The average morning attendance at the church is about 15. The evening attendance is less.

OMUTA : Total baptized adult membership, 41 ; adult membership in residence, 28 ; infant membership, 3 ; adults received by baptism during the year 1907, 7 ; Sunday-school, 1 ; average attendance at Sunday-school, 12. Average attendance at services, 16. The Sunday-school and services are held in the house which we rent both for this purpose and for the residence of our worker there. Present evangelist at Omuta is Takahashi Murashige. While not yet formally received as an evangelist, our pressing need for a worker compelled us to place him in charge for the present. We will take the matter up again and finally settle it within the ensuing month, with the assistance of Rev. Lippard. Besides the preaching in the chapel our worker at Omuta gives half a day each week to work among the convicts in the large penitentiary in the city. This is one of the two penitentiaries in Japan, for long service convicts. There are about 1,600 convicts here, and our evangelist gets an audience of about 80 or 90 each time. This work was started just before the close of the year 1906. While there are none among these convicts who have yet received baptism, there are a number who have asked for it.

HAKATA : Total baptized adult membership, 36 ; adults in residence, 21 ; baptisms during the year 1907, 10 ; received by transfer during 1907, 3 ; deaths during 1907, 4 ; baptisms since January 1, of this year, 2. Yamanouchi Ryohei is the pastor, located at Hakata. His wife, Yamanouchi Mike, is our Bible woman there. An average of about 14 attend the services at present. About 25 children attend the Sunday-school each Sunday p. m. at the chapel. Like at Omuta, the house we rent as the pastor's home, is likewise used as the chapel. Until last fall, when Ryohei san was taken sick, we had two more Sunday-schools in different parts of the city, with an average attendance of about 35 children each. At each of these two places, we also had preaching once each week. Since the first of last September, when

Ryohei san became sick, these two places have been dropped, because of his inability to continue them. The Sunday-school at Hakata is under the charge of the pastor and his wife. You will note that while the work at Hakata is only two years old, yet a large number of the baptized members are no longer in residence. This is due to the fact, that many of these were nurses in the large government hospital, who after having finished their course there, left for other parts. The condition of Ryohei's health is not encouraging. When I saw him two days ago, he was in bed. He had held services the day before, and that seemed to have exhausted him. With the exception of the month that he spent in the hospital last fall, he says that he has held services every Sunday, although these services were sometimes the simple service of the Church Book without a sermon. His condition is somewhat changeable. While not strong at any time, he is much weaker at some times than at others. He will soon have his 61st birthday, which, for a Japanese, is somewhat advanced in years.

SAGA : On the first of March, Ueda san, having resigned, left Saga. About two weeks later, Wasa san who had been at Omuta, was placed in charge of the Saga work, moving there at the same time. In the absence of a missionary residing at Saga, the work under Ueda san reached a very low state. During the year of 1907, and even until the present of this year, there have been no baptisms in this church. One member has been received by transfer. Since Wasa san has been located there, there is an average attendance at the morning services of about 14 persons. The Sunday evening preaching which is held at Shimmichi, in another part of the city, is attended by about 10 adults, on an average. The preaching at the evangelist's home on Wednesday evening, is attended by about the same number. The Sunday-school at the church has an average attendance of about 30 children. The Sunday-school, on Sunday evening at Shimmichi, has an average of about 20. The Sunday-school at Komeyamachi (the evangelist's home), has an average of about 35 children in attendance. Mr. Wasa has been doing very well since his arrival, and I have no doubt but that with his efforts together with those of some missionary whom we must place there, will speedily place matters in a more encouraging state. Dr. Lippard is now resident there. The condition of the church property at Saga is reasonably good. A coat of paint would improve it. On the church lot stands a small house which came with the lot when it was bought Until the time that Rev. Lippard returned to America, this house was used as the kindergarten home. The building itself is not a good one, but served this purpose. The kindergarten is now, and has been, taught in the mission home occupied by Rev. Lippard prior to his return to America. As he returned,

the kindergarten was moved to the house vacated by him, where it has been ever since. During the session that closed on March 28th, there were 27 children in regular attendance at this kindergarten, 18 of which graduated at this time. The prospects for the new opening are very good. On February 4th, Kawase san, the head teacher, informed me that it was her intention to leave the work on the last of February. She having thus resigned in order to carry out some long cherished plans in Fuchow, China, we began at once to seek her successor. When at Saga on the 16th of February, I was somewhat disappointed to learn that, instead of waiting until the end of the month, as she had previously said, she found it expedient for herself to leave on this same day. So since the 16th of February until the present, the kindergarten has been continued by the faithful efforts of the assistant teacher, Mura san. About a week ago, we secured the promise of a teacher to come about the middle of this month. She is a graduate from the Christian kindergarten training school at Kobe, and comes with good recommendations. The services that Kawase san (and I suppose that those of her successor will be the same) rendered outside of the teaching of the kindergarten, were limited to the teaching in two of the Sunday-schools which we had in Saga. Mura san, the assistant teacher, does the same.

[Letters just received from Dr. and Mrs. Lippard speak very encouragingly and hopefully concerning the kindergarten work in Saga, though they most earnestly plead for a kindergarten building, as necessary to larger success.—R. C. H.]

WAKATSU: This city is situated near Saga, and has always been worked from Saga. We have two members in this city. One of them gives his time to the selling of Bibles throughout Kyushiu. He does this on his own responsibility, and is very successful in the amount that he sells. Since Rev. Lippard returned to America, we have had no regular preaching in this place. Our evangelist from Saga makes occasional trips there to visit in behalf of the work.

OGI: Like at Wakatsu, no regular preaching has been done here during the last 18 months. It was thought best to let these places rest until a missionary was returned to Saga. We have about 8 baptized members at Ogi.

Property belonging to the mission at Kumamoto, consists of the church, the pastor's home, and the mission home. At Saga we have the church, the evangelist's home, and the mission home. Besides these, we own no other property.

I might state here, that we now have a young member at Hakata, who is nineteen years old, and who, just a few days ago, graduated from the Government middle school at that place. When in Hakata just recently, Ryohei spoke to me about him for the second time. It seems that the young man wishes to study for the ministry. I have

not yet talked with the young man on the subject myself, but have done so through Ryohei to a certain extent. We will be justified in making an investigation of his case, and if favorable will be happy to take him on as a theological student. We also have another young man who will graduate from a middle school near Nagasaki next year. Ryohei san thinks that he is also inclined to the same calling. It will be wise to keep them both under observation for the present.

I have tried to make this report as satisfactory as possible, but any information not contained herein will be gladly supplied on suggestion.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. STIREWALT.

Kumamoto, Japan, April 7, 1908.

We believe the foregoing presents an accurate and satisfactory survey of our mission field in Japan. We commend the same to the careful reading of all pastors especially, that they may be able to give all needed information to the people. Information is what our people need.

OUR INCREASING NEEDS.

We subjoin a report from the Japan Conference, dated August 5, 1908. It is not an appeal, yet in its businesslike statement constitutes a most urgent appeal.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE IN JAPAN.

As secretary of the Japan Conference it devolves upon me to report our decisions.

At a recent meeting in Saga it was decided :

1. That our kindergarten building should be erected on the church lot. This meets the approval of our Japanese brethren also. We have just received the estimates for a building 42 x 30 feet. The lowest figures are $1196.42. This building is an immediate necessity.

2. For a foreign residence $2,500 will be required. This will give us eight rooms roughly finished. If we build on our present grounds at least $500 will be required for leveling and preparing a foundation. If we purchase a new site $2,000 will be required for that. These figures are in gold. As our lease on the Reformed church property expires in June, 1909, and at least 9 months will be required for building, what shall we do? We all agree upon the advisability of building. That building should be done at once seems to be evident, because of the constant appreciation of building materials. The cost of building has increased by 60 per cent. within the last two years.

3. On account of a general increase in rents and other incidentals ; it will be necessary for us to have $225 per month instead of $150 as heretofore ; but as we wish to increase our native force, and also open

up some new work we would be pleased to have for this purpose a small allowance ; we therefore ask for $300 per month if the Board can possibly grant it.

The field is white unto the harvest. We all send our best regards to you all.

C. K. LIPPARD,
SECRETARY OF JAPAN CONFERENCE.

CERTAIN DEDUCTION FROM THE FOREGOING.

(*a*) We have now on the field, supported by the United Synod, six missionaries, including Mrs. Lippard and Mrs. Brown, more than at any time heretofore.

Cooperating with these are one missionary of the General Council, and Rev. and Mrs. Winther, of the Danish mission.

This is cause for encouragement and hope.

(*b*) The coming and going of one of our missionaries and his family, and the going out of two more, has made a heavy drain upon the treasury, approximating $2300.

(*c*) The necessary outlay for the coming year is as follows :

Salaries of four missionaries	$4300 00
Rent of home in Saga	180 00
Salaries of native helpers	1100 00
Chapel rents	500 00
Taxes, repairs, traveling expenses, teachers' allowances and incidentals	1800 00
	$7880 00
(*d*) The proposed building of mission home in Saga	$3000 00
The proposed kindergarten home in Saga	1000 00
Total	$11880 00

In this estimate we have not mentioned the probable expense of the proposed school, nor of the contingency of missionary's return home. These should be anticipated in our legislation for the coming biennium. The sum of $15,000 annually will mark the minimum of possible demands for the ensuing two years in behalf of our missions in Japan.

CERTAIN ENACTMENTS OF THE BOARD.

(1) Concerning the sending out of unmarried women as missionaries to Japan, the following action was taken : "We rejoice that two young ladies, whose qualification for the service seem beyond question, are available, and that they await the appointment for foreign service by our Board. We regret, however, that in the present condition of the work in Japan, it seems inadvisable to encourage their going out at this time ; but we wish to assure them that we not only highly appreciate the noble spirit prompting them thus to devote

their lives to such self-denying service for the cause of the Master, but that at such time as our Japan Conference shall indicate that their services can be used to advantage to the cause, and make request of the Board accordingly, we will give favorable consideration in their behalf if the condition of the finances of the Board does not forbid.

(2) That hereafter all persons, male or female, proposing to become a part of our mission force in Japan, be required to undergo a physical examination at the the hands of a physician who shall be appointed by the Board for that purpose.

(3) That it is understood by the Board that all our property in Japan is and shall always be held for and under the control of the Board of Missions, and that the administration of the Mission School shall always be under the supervision, direction, and control of the Board, unless the Board shall otherwise determine.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Church Extension Fund consists of the two thousand dollars of the Bernheim annuity fund, set apart for this purpose by the action of last convention of this body, and the five hundred dollars given by Miss Ada V. Miller, together with sundry smaller gifts, amounting in all to $ (See Treasurer's Report).

Out of this fund there was loaned to the Atlanta church the sum of $300 for two years at 4 per cent. This has been returned into the Church Extension treasury.

$500 has been loaned to the Woman's Memorial church, Spartanburg, S. C., without interest, said loan being guaranteed to be returned within five years by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Synod of South Carolina. Said loan bears date May, 1907.

In adjusting the debt of the Newport News church, amounting to $2059.04, as of January 25, 1908, we borrowed from the Church Extension Fund the sum of $1771.89, and have returned $1,000, leaving balance due of $771.89, as owing from Home Mission treasury to Church Extension treasury.

HOME MISSIONS.

Two mission churches have become self-supporting since last convention of the United Synod.

The first is the Norfolk church, which declared itself independent January 1, 1907. This church is doing good work, and the successes under the pastoral supervision of Rev. W. H. Riser are worthy of complimentary mention.

The second was the Newport News church, which became independent of annual supplement on pastor's salary, October 1, 1907, and from that date became self-sustaining. In order to effect this

consummation the Board of Missions assumed the entire debt upon the church, and has cancelled the same, said debt being $2059.04. The Board holds mortgage securities against the church property for said amount, said mortgage to be enforced only in case said church ceases to be in connection with a synod belonging to the United Synod.

Rev. E. A. Shenk resigned this charge June 1, 1908. During the summer it was served by Mr. A. C. Karkau, theological student of Mt. Airy Seminary, Philadelphia. At this date the congregation is vacant. Membership, 127.

NEW WORK ASSUMED.

The contributions for Home Missions have not justified much enlargement. This is a matter of sincere regret to the Board. We believe the word "Home" has inured to the advantage of local synodical missions rather than to more distant United Synod missions.

EAST TENNESSEE.

This may not be exclusively new work, yet it is a manifest enlargement of the work in this field. The points immediately cultivated are Greeneville and Morristown, having a population of over 3,000 each. They are eligibly located as bases of operations. Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., was assigned to this field upon the resignation of Rev. O. C. Petersen, November 15, 1907. With residence at Greeneville, Dr. Schaeffer has rendered signal service in contiguous territory and has helped to inspire new hope in the Holston Synod. There are few pastors in this Synod, and a large outlying missionary territory. The work accomplished in the last year has been of true missionary character, and is already attended by encouraging results. The Board pays $450 and the Synod $250 annually in support of this work, the congregation paying $300.

FORMER MISSIONS NOW INDEPENDENT CHURCHES.

These are Knoxville, Richmond, Augusta, Winston, Norfolk, Newport News.

For further information, we refer to the statistical table elsewhere presented in this report.

THE MISSIONS NOW ON HAND.

These are East Tennessee, Bristol, Bluefield, Graham, Pulaski-Radford, Spartanburg, Olympia Mills, Atlanta, and Goodman, Mississippi. Three of these have been already mentioned. We now report concerning

BRISTOL.

Rev. K. Y. Umberger is pastor. Toward his support the Board appropriates $250 annually. This mission owns a very beautiful church

property, valued at not less than $10,000, and is admirably located. The auditorium is being put in order for worship, and the people are more hopeful than for several years past. The lecture room has heretofore served for the various services. Work was begun in Bristol in 1902, and while the growth is comparatively slow, the great importance of maintaining the cause in this beautiful and growing city calls for continued faithful work and substantial financial aid. (See Statistical Table).

SPARTANBURG, S. C.

This church, one of our more recent missions, is entirely out of debt, due to the energy of the Woman's Missionary Society of South Carolina Synod, and the favorable action of the South Carolina Synod. The Board of Missions made a donation of $1,000 on the building, loaned $500 for five years, and gives toward support of the pastor the small sum of $120 per annum. To Dr. Hallman is due the largest credit for the rapid development of the cause at Spartanburg.

OLYMPIA MILLS.

The work of Rev. C. E. Weltner and Mrs. Weltner among the population of this great cotton mill district at Columbia, S. C., is of so truly a missionary character, and is of such meritorious and approved method, that the Board felt it a duty to give favorable response to an appeal for help, and since July 1, 1908, has appropriated at the rate of $200 annually. In no other field, not even excepting the Mississippi and Holston Synods, are we called to do so distinctly an evangelistic home mission service. The call in that field is peculiarly to the Lutheran church through the special favor extended Rev. Weltner by the mill authorities. As a description of this work will probably be presented to this body in another connection, we defer further mention at this place.

BLUEFIELD-GRAHAM.

Though this mission has been on the hands of the Board for many years, it may appropriately be termed a new work, because of the long vacancy, and temporary surrender of Bluefield. But it has taken on new life, and Rev. C. R. W. Kegley, who took charge October 1, 1907, has given quite an impetus to the cause.

Bluefield, a growing city of 10,000 inhabitants, is connected with Graham, only two miles distant, by electric car line. Practically they are one city, though in different States. Graham having a church building, was more fortunate than Bluefield in procuring occasional services during the two-year vacancy, and suffered comparatively little. The cause at Bluefield, however, was almost lost, and the brethren were sceptical as to forming an organization again. But

now we can report that they have come together, have bought a very valuable and splendidly located lot for the sum of $6,500, have built a chapel on it, in anticipation of a fine church ultimately.

The Board is pledged to pay $400 on pastor's salary for the first year, the same to be reduced one-fifth annually. (For additional information see table of statistics).

PULASKI-RADFORD.

By agreement with the Synod of Southwestern Virginia, one year ago, the Board of Missions is to pay into the hands of the Executive Committee of said Synod $350, for the first year, and to deduct $70 annually, the payments, as in the case of Bluefield-Graham, to cease after lapse of five years, beginning July 1, 1907. This Mission is under the control of said Executive Committee. The pastor is Rev. G. H. Rhodes, who is doing efficient service. The membership of the two places is about 90. The lack of a church building at Radford has retarded the work there somewhat, though we are informed that a lot well located has been recently purchased. The cause at Pulaski where the pastor resides is in good condition. (See statistical table.)

MISSISSIPPI.

The president of the Board has made two visits to the Mississippi Synod during the biennium. These scattered brethren, descendents of pioneers who migrated thither over fifty years ago from South Carolina, are still rejoicing in the name of the Lutheran church, and cherish it with a devotion which appeals to our sympathy. The communicant membership is 716, divided into fourteen congregations, which are distributed into three settlements about one hundred miles apart. Inadequate support makes it hard to retain pastors who would devote their full time to the care of the churches. The result is unfortunate vacancies in the strongest pastorates. One pastorate of three congregations is now vacant, and the other of the same number will soon be vacant. The problem how to best serve the cause in Mississippi is a difficult one. The policy would seem to be to conserve what we have of organized congregations, through the agency of a synodical missionary, who should nourish these vacant charges and arrange for a permanent pastor, and join the several resident pastors in developing the congregations along all lines of church work, be a distributing agent of church literature, and in every possible way strengthen the things that remain, and at the same time gather together the Lutherans that have scattered in contiguous towns and cities into circles of Christian fellowship and service.

The man for this difficult and delicate service has not yet been available. The cost of this work has also been a partial hindrance to the accomplishment of the wishes of the Board.

ATLANTA.

On the 15th of March, 1908, Rev. E. C. Cronk, who had for five years been missionary pastor, and under whose successful ministry the property was secured and the present church was built, resigned the work in Atlanta to become Secretary of the Publication Board of the United Synod. He was succeeded at same date by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., who has been actively at work in carrying forward this very promising cause to larger results. The church property including parsonage is worth over $20,000, and the prospects for early independence are cheering. The membership is 160, and amount paid annually by the Board toward support of the pastor is $500. The activity and church loyalty of the good people of the Church of the Redeemer are most commendable, and the United Synod may well congratulate itself upon the results of its persevering purpose with respect to the Mission in the city of Atlanta. The substantial help of the Georgia Synod in promptly redeeming its liberal pledges contributed very largely to the success of this cause.

HOME MISSIONS—TABULATED STATEMENT.

I. HOME MISSIONS WHICH HAVE BECOME SELF-SUSTAINING.

PASTOR.	CHURCH.	When Organized.	Date of Independency.	Communicants.	Infant Membership.	S. S. Enrollment.	Value of Church Property	Amount of Debt	Annual Local Expenses, including Salary.	Annual Benevolence—Last Year.	Amount Paid by Board of Missions Annually.
Rev. V. C. Ridenhour, Knoxville, Tenn . .	St. John's	1890	1893	115	45	. .	$16500	. . .	$ 1100	$ 132 00	. . .
Rev. J. J Scherer, Richmond, Va	First English Lutheran Church . . .	. .	. .	385	200	225	41000	. . .	2760	60 00	. . .
Rev. J. B. Derrick, Augusta, Ga	Holy Trinity	1883	1905	187	. .	119	15000	$ 1200	1100	200 00	. . .
Rev. E. A. Shenk, Winston, N. C	Augsburg	. .	. .	125	47	94	14000	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . .
Rev. W. H. Riser, Norfolk, Va	First English Lutheran Church . . .	1894	. .	160	60	120	16000	3200	1400	120 00	. . .
Newport News, Va .	Trinity	1898	. .	119	115	92	8000	. . .	1500	51 90	. . .

II. MISSIONS RECEIVING AID, 1908.

Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., Spartanburg, S. C.	Woman's Memorial . .	1902	. .	47	8	35	$12000	. . .	$ 1000	$ 95 00	$ 120
Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., Greeneville, Tenn.	Church of Reformation, Greeneville .	. .	. .	27	. .	33	3000	. . .	136	$ 43 00	450
Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D D., Greeneville, Tenn.	Trinity, Morristown . .	. .	. .	38	. .	36	1000	. . .	248	73 00	. . .
Rev. C. R. W. Kegley, Bluefield, W. Va . .	Immanuel, Bluefield . .	. .	. .	45	. .	30	7500	4500	600	50 00	400
Rev. C. R. W. Kegley, Bluefield, W. Va . . .	Wartburg, Graham . . .	. .	. .	43	. .	60	4000	1350	500	40 00	. . .
Rev. K. Y. Umberger, Bristol, Tenn .	Church of the Redeemer.	1902	. .	68	18	69	10500	4000	500	25 00	250
Rev. J. L. Derrick, Goodman, Miss	St. Mark's.	. .	. .	21	. .	6	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	180
Rev. Geo. H. Rhodes, Pulaski, Va	Woman's Memorial . .	1888	. .	68	29	130	6000	. . .	558	60 00	350
Rev. Geo. H. Rhodes, Pulaski, Va	Radford	. .	. .	30	. .	. .	800	. . .	61	37 00	. . .
Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., Atlanta, Ga . . .	Church of the Redeemer.	1892	. .	210	79	150	28000	7500	2201	218 00	500
Olympia Mills, S. C., Inner Missions	Rev. C. E. Weltner . . .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	200
	Gifts during Biennium—to Spartanburg										1000
	Gifts during Biennium—to Newport News										2059

APPEALS FOR AID.

1. Mississippi Synod appeals for State Missionary.

2. North Carolina Synod appeals in behalf of Greensboro, a city claiming 35,000 population.

3. The Georgia Synod appeals in behalf of Macon.

4. Interested individuals appeal in behalf of Aiken, S. C.

These and other less formal appeals have received considerate attention, but the Board has not been sufficiently supported by the synods and churches to justify the financial obligations involved.

5. The Board adds its earnest appeal for larger contributions for missions, and with such open doors at home and abroad, would call for not less than $40,000 for the coming year, and appeals to the United Synod to endorse the call. We must have $15,000 for the Japan cause. We should have at least $15,000 for Home Missions, and not less than $10,000 for Church Extension Fund.

We hail the dawn of a brighter day for missions, a day wherein the call of the Church of Christ will appeal with more effectiveness to all our people. There is evidently a growing missionary spirit among the churches, and though we have our due proportion of under-evangelized membership, there are not a few who are awaking to a larger vision, and a clearer conviction of duty in behalf of the world's evangelization. The Lutheran church in the South awaits an advance movement in behalf of missions; her spiritual development calls for an aggressive missionary propaganda—a distinct forward movement.

MISCELLANY.

1. In regard to the kindergarten school building, in behalf of which an earnest appeal comes from Saga, we have authorized Miss Gertrude Simpson and Miss Bowers to proceed to raise the sum of $1,000, and we commend their laudable undertaking to the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the friends of the cause.

2. The Treasurer of our Board, Mr. John A. Cline, has served faithfully, and at no little expenditure of time. The matter of giving guarantee bond was suggested by himself, discussed by the Board, and approved. The requirements of the bonding companies, however, were so burdensome in practical execution, that proceedings in this direction have been suspended, for the time being. The requirement of the Board that receipts from all sources be acknowledged monthly in the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, and the additional agreement and arrangement that all checks drawn by the Treasurer shall be countersigned by the President of the Board, together with the provision that there shall be a quarterly auditing of Treasurer's accounts, seems to obviate the need of further safeguarding, and as the Treasurer is willing to take this as a substitute, we have postponed assenting to his

request to be bonded. We as a Board, are fully satisfied that our confidence will be duplicated by that of the whole church.

While we voted $100 per annum in the way of reimbursement for the time expended, we recognize that as compensation for his labors it is entirely inadequate.

3. Of the $25,000 pledged for Mission School in Japan, there has been paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Board over $20,000. The residue is in good hands, and we have every reason to believe that the entire amount will be realized. The Board puts on record its gratification and thankfulness for the generous spirit prompting the kind patrons to come up so nobly and promptly to the support of this worthy cause. The amounts received have been deposited in bank for safe keeping, the same bearing interest at 4 per cent.

4. The recognized need of another mission home in Japan of foreign, or partially foreign style, has prompted the Woman's Societies of Southwestern Virginia Synod and of the North Carolina Synod to devote one-half of the income under what has been known as the "Forward Movement," to this cause, and are arranging for a liberal "Thank Offering" during the coming year. It is probable that this method will be approved by the "Woman's Conference" now held in Savannah, and that new interest will be given to the movement.

This is a pressing need, and the women should receive cordial co-operation among all the churches. It is important that the money be secured within twelve months. This means activity all along the line.

5. The Report of the Treasurer, herewith submitted, is made a part of this report, the same having been audited as of September 30, 1908, covering two years and three months.

6. We find that the month of June has not yielded the hoped for returns for Home Missions, though special efforts have been made to magnify this festival; we therefore recommend a change in the annual festivals, and while we regret the seeming antithesis in the terms "Home" and "Foreign," and could wish that the churches could rise above these artificial distinctions, we deem it advisable to use these terms in the designation of annual festivals for at least another biennium.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the United Synod designate $40,000 as the amount which should be given annually for the extension of Christ's kingdom in the propagation of the faith entrusted to us as the United Synod of the Lutheran church in the South.

2. That Epiphany season be adopted for special offerings for Foreign Missions in all our congregations.

3. That April be continued as Japan month in all our Sunday-schools.

4. That October be adopted as Home Mission month in all the churches.

5. That Luther Day, or Sunday nearest November 10th, be known as Home Mission Day in all our Sunday-schools.

6. That the proceedings of the Board as herein recorded, be approved as far as the same may accord with the sentiment of the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted

BY THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

TREASURER'S REPORT—JULY 1, 1906, TO SEPT. 30, 1908.

JOHN A. CLINE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
MISSION FUNDS OF THE UNITED SYNOD.

MISSION LEAGUE.

1906.		DR.	
July 1.	To balance om hand last report	$	1243 95
	To amount from all sources		3742 10
		$	4986 05
	CR.		
	By amount to Foreign Missions	$	40 00
	By amount to J. A. Cline, Treasurer, salary		100 00
	By amount to Rev. G. D. Bernheim, interest		120 00
	By amount to Rev. R. C. Holland, expenses to Tenn., Va., and Southwestern Va. Synods		67 25
	Stamps and printing		16 60
1908.		$	343 85
Sept. 30.	By balance		4632 20

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

1906.			
Sept 23.	To amount from Rev. R. A. Yoder, Treas. E. L. Tennessee Synod, for Emmanuel's congregation, New Market, Va	$	31 30
1908.			
Jan. 2.	To amount from Rev. R. A. Yoder, Treas., for Emmanuel's congregation, New Market, Va		23 40
Sept. 3.	Chas. H. Steiglitz, Treasurer, Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta		200 00
	To interest		14 65
April 28.	Chas. H. Steiglitz, Treasurer		100 00
	Cash in Cabarrus Savings Bank	$	369 35

RESOURCES.

Certificate So. L. & T. Co		$ 1000 00
Interest		30 00
Owing from W. H. & F. M. Society (S. C.)		500 00
Cash above reported		369 35
Returned from H. M. Fund in full of amt. borrowed		771 89
		$ 2671 24

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

DR.

1906.			
July	1.	To balance last settlement	$1936 17
		To amount from all sources	18142 41
			$20078 58
		Amount to Church Extension	23 40
			$20055 13

CR.

By salary to Rev. C. L. Brown	$ 2427 07
By salary to Rev. C. K. Lippard	2657 95
By salary to Rev. A. J. Stirewalt	1933 28
By salary to Rev. L. S. G. Miller	679 76
By amt. incidentals	4473 77
By amt. expenses, board, travel, salary superintendent and all other expenses	1437 54
By amt. travel to and from Japan for all missionaris.	2388 32
By amt. allowed on outfits	500 00
By amt. to Spartanburg church	257 35
By amt. health allowance	225 00
By amt. for kindergarten	170 30
By amt. J. A. Cline on salary	100 00
By amt. G. D. Bernheim, interest	155 83
By amt. income tax, Brown and Lippard	225 00
	$17631 18

1908.			
Sept.	30.	To cash balance	2424 00
			$20055 18

WOMAN'S $20,000 FORWARD MOVEMENT.

DR.

1906.			
July	1.	To balance last settlement	$ 3865 35
		To amt. from all sources	1169 76
		To interest at 4 per cent. deposit	276 01
			$ 5311 13

Cr.

By amt. Foreign Missions	$ 20 00
By amt. to Mrs. W. F. Morehead	401 89
By amt. to Henkel & Co., printing	7 44
By amt. Rev. S. T. Hallman for Miss Harms	15 00
	$ 444 33
By balance, Sept. 30, 1908	4866 80
	$ 5311 13

HOME MISSIONS.

Dr.

1906. July	To balance last settlement	$ 903 60
	To amt. from all sources	10299 05
		$11352 65
	Less amt. to Church Ex	345 95
		$10856 70

Cr.

By amt. to Miss. mission on pastor's salary	$ 415 00
By amt. to Morristown mission on pastor's salary.	172 50
By amt. to Norfolk mission on pastor's salary	140 00
By amt. to Newport News mission on pastor's salary	800 00
By amt. to Atlanta mission on pastor's salary	1345 80
By amt. to Bristol mission on pastor's salary	541 62
By amt. to Radford-Pulaski mission on pastor's salary	419 24
By amt. to Greenville mission on pastor's salary	412 50
By amt. to Bluefield mission on pastor's salary	366 67
By amt. to Spartanburg mission on pastor's salary.	260 00
By amt. to Olympia Mills mission on pastor's salary	49 98
By amt. to Spartanburg church	1268 25
By amt. to Newport News church	287 15
By amt. all other expenses of Board, salary of Supt., printing, traveling, postage, Board meetings, etc	1313 94
	$ 7842 35
By balance, Sept. 30, 1908	3014 35
	$10856 70

JAPAN SCHOOL.

Dr.

To amt. from all sources	$16748 67

1907.	Cr.	
Dec. 24.	By error draft, J. H. Ount	$ 101 50
1908		
June 21.	Amt. to Rev. R. C. Holland, error in remittance in favor of Miss Simpson	25 00
Sept. 30	By balance	16622 17
		$16748 67

ATLANTA MISSION.

1906.		
July 1.	To balance last settlement	$ 8 50
1908.		
Sept. 30.	By balance	8 50

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. CLINE,
Treasurer Mission Board.

This is to certify that the foregoing account of Treasurer John A. Cline, has been carefully audited, with vouchers filed, and we have found the same correct.

R. C. HOLLAND,
September 30, 1908. W. A. DEATON.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

The Treasurer's Report makes exhibit as follows of all moneys contributed for United Synod purposes and passing through his hands during the two years and three months ending Sept. 30, 1908:

Japan School Fund	$16,748 67
Home Missions	10,299 05
Woman's Forward Movement	1,169 76
Foreign Missions	18,142 41
Church Extension	2,671 24
Mission League	3,742 10
	$52,773 23

The average per member as shown by this summary is 57½ cents, counting the membership at 40,000. Omitting the Japan School Fund, the average is 40 cents per annum, which is an improvement of 33 per cent. over last year. If school fund is included the increase is almost 100 per cent.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Amounts Contributed by Each Synod from July 1, 1906, to Oct. 1, 1908.

Virginia Synod.

Foreign Missions	$ 4244 06
Home Missions	3098 28
	$ 7342 34

Southwestern Virginia Synod,

Foreign Missions	$ 2877 46
Home Missions	1230 44
	$ 4107 90

North Carolina Synod.

Foreign Missions	$ 3256 57
Home Missions	1691 43
	$ 4948 00

Tennessee Synod.

Foreign Missions	$ 2010 34
Home Missions	816 26
	$ 2826 60

South Carolina Synod.

Foreign Missions	$ 4057 46
Home Missions	1650 99
	$ 5708 45

Holston Synod.

Foreign Missions	$ 452 14
Home Missions	196 48
	$ 648 62

Mississippi Synod.

Foreign Missions	$ 101 69
Home Missions	117 25
	$ 218 94

Georgia Synod.

Foreign Missions	$ 894 13
Home Missions	1149 14
	$ 2043 27
	$27844 12

MISSION LEAGUE.

Sources of this Fund.

Tennessee Synod	$ 1395 00
Virginia Synod	462 00
Southwestern Virginia Synod	103 60
South Carolina Synod	228 00
Georgia Synod	247 50
Mississippi Synod	60 00
Holston Synod	5 00
North Carolina Synod	945 00
All other sources	296 00
	$3742 10

The following Standing Committees were appointed :

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D., Rev. H. A. McCullough, Rev. C. A. Freed, Rev. W. H. Roof, Mr. H. D. Derrick, Mr. B. B. Miller.

2. *On Minutes of Last Synod.*—Rev. T. W. Shealy, Rev. C. Brown Cox, Rev. E. L. Folk, Mr. Silone Pence, Mr. A. G. Wise.

3. *On District Synods.*—Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, Rev. W. A. Deaton, Rev. M. J. Epting, Mr. W. P. Houseal, Mr. S. S. Cassell.

4. *On Devotional Exercises.*—Pastor loci and officers of Synod.

5. *On Theological Seminary.*—Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, J. F. Deal, S. C. Ballentine, Mr. J. A. Cline, Mr. Jacob Paulsen.

6. *On Literary Institutions.*—Rev. J. E. Shenk, Rev. W. H. Riser, Rev. E. L. Wessinger, Mr. Jas. P. Cook, Prof. S. A. Wolff.

7. *On Orphan Home.*—Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., Rev. W. P. Huddle, Mr. A. H. Kohn, Mr. J. M. Rhodes.

8. *On Missions.*—Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D. D., Rev. W. C. Davis, Mr. W. A. Beck, Mr. J. W. Jenny, Mr. J. M. Gnann.

9. *To Audit Treasurer's Report.*—Messrs. J. W. Murry, E. M. Minnick, G. J. Eichhorn.

10. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. V. Y. Boozer, Z. W. Bedenbaugh, T. O. Keister, D. D., Mr. D. A. Rudisill, Mr. J. E. Cale.

11. *On Church Literature.*—Rev. W H. Greever, D. D., Rev. A. R. Beck, Rev. J. D. Kinard, Mr. W. W. Koch, Mr. E. D. Bedenbaugh.

12. *To Nominate Visitors to Other Bodies.*—Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Rev. A. L. Bolick, Mr. J. E. Cooper.

A petition from the North Carolina Synod was presented, requesting action as to Greensboro, N. C., which was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The official visitor to Elizabeth College made the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF VISITOR TO ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

Since the last meeting of the United Synod, I have made several visits to Elizabeth College, and have kept in close touch with its work. That institution grows more efficient as it grows older, and is extending its influence year by year. Elizabeth College possesses one of the finest sites and one of the most complete equipments, possessed by any college for women in the South. It is loyal to the Lutheran church in its administration, and deserves the patronage of all of our people. The church should use all possible means to bring the benefits of this splendid institution within the reach of all of her daughters.

W. H. GREEVER.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., presented a proposed deliverance on Divorce and Remarriage, which was received for consideration. Pending its discussion, Synod adjourned. Benediction by Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7, 1908, 3 P. M.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh.

The discussion of the pending deliverance on Divorce and Remarriage was resumed, and the paper adopted.

DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE.

At the ninth convention of this body a series of propositions on Divorce and Remarriage was submitted for consideration at the following convention [Min. IX. Conv., p. 124]. At the last convention these propositions were simply ordered to be reprinted [Min. X. Conv., p. 72].

The United Synod now expresses its judgment in regard to these propositions as follows :

They contain a timely and forceful statement of the sanctity of marriage and the evils of divorce, now unhappily so widely prevalent.

But they require qualification so as to recognize the right of the innocent divorced party to remarry.

The dissolution of the marriage bond for reasons explicitly recognized by our Lord and in Scripture must be regarded as sanctioned by God himself, and the innocent party "is not under bondage in such cases" (I. Cor. 7:15). There is nothing in Scripture to forbid such marriage of the innocent party, for the passages Mt. 5:32; 19:9; Mk. 10:11, 12; Lu. 16:18, imply that there was no true dissolution of marriage. Accordingly the Smalkald Articles (Jacob's translation, p. 35), declare: "Unjust also is the tradition which forbids an innocent person to marry after divorce."

A. G. VOIGT.

Mr. Jno. M. Lichtenwanger and all the visiting ministers were received as advisory members of this Synod.

The following report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home was received, and referred to the Committee on Orphan Home.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION OF THE ORPHAN HOME.

During the last biennium the Orphan Home has grown in efficiency and usefulness. The number of children under its immediate care is 72. Others are to be admitted in a few weeks. The capacity of the first three stories is nearly full, and if we are forced to occupy the fourth, as now seems probable, we will be compelled to have more helpers. Besides the Superintendent there are five assistants. We have recently been under the necessity of increasing the salaries of each of the assistants and thus of adding about two hundred dollars to our annual expenses. The last report of the Treasurer showed that during the last year, ending in June, the receipts were $6,213 and the disbursements were $6,171. The receipts on current expenses were $5,-535. The expense per month has been about $487. Hereafter it will probably be $500. The accounts are audited each month by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. The home is conducted as economically as it can be for even a fair degree of comfort to the children. Visitors are disposed to criticise the economy rather than the luxury. We were compelled to install a heating plant at a cost of $2,700. The stoves were worn out. The safety of the building and the health of the children made a new system of heating a necessity. The Ladies' Visiting Committee and every visitor urged that it be done at once. The various systems were carefully considered, bids were taken, and the contract let. It will soon be in operation. This together with a note of $500 which we have been unable to pay makes the debt of the

corporation $3,200. But we have on hand a heating fund of $1,500 reducing the debt.

During the biennium, there have been two bequests in which the home is interested. Mr. J. B. Hyler, of Lexington county, South Carolina, made St. Michael's church the trustee of $1,000 to be used for the benefit of the home. Mr. T. J. Shickel, a member of the corporation, left a residuary legacy of one-fifth of his estate at the final settlement.

The school in the home compares with the school in the town below the department known as the High School. The children are carefully taught by competent teachers. Roanoke College receives without cost those who have completed the course in the home, and both home and college are very much gratified at the results hitherto attained.

On Palm Sunday, seventeen children were confirmed by the Pastor of College Lutheran church after careful instruction. All children who have not been baptized are on admission baptized with the Superintendent as sponsor.

The home is well prepared to equip the girls for their life work. Besides their education in the Grammar school they are taught how to cook and sew, and if bright music, and are enabled even to get a collegiate education. But we are not so well equipped for the education of the boys. As soon as the United Synod is prepared to undertake the work, we should like to call attention to the great need of some kind of workshops where the boys can learn some handicraft by which they may support themselves or from which they can the more readily go into some other mechanical industry.

Two vacancies in the corporation occurred during the past year, one by death and the other by forfeiture under the charter. For convenience at this convention and for future reference, a list of the members of the corporation with the date of the expiration of their terms follows:

1912. A. L. Henkel, Paul Sieg, J. Frank Clemmer.
1913. H. S. Trout, R. W. Kime, H. F. Scheele, J. H. Wilson, Paul S. Davis.
1909. L. G. M. Miller, J. P. Houtz, A. D. R. Hancher, C. B. Miller, J. P. Gose.
1910. F. V. N. Painter, A. M. Bowman, M. M. Kinard, S. L. Keller, L. L. Smith.
1911. L. A. Fox, C. Markley, J. E. Cooper, J. W. Eberly, R. C. Holland.

It will be necessary at this convention to nominate two men to fill the vacancies in class 1912 and five men for each of the classes 1909 and 1910.

We submit with this as a part of our report a copy of the By-Laws, adopted at our last meeting, which we were ordered to prepare.

L. A. FOX,
PRESIDENT OF CORPORATION.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE CORPORATION ON RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LUTHERAN ORPHAN HOME, SALEM, VA.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees shall consist of the officers of the corporation and of such other members of the Board of Trustees as the board may elect at its annual meeting. It shall hold monthly meetings on, or near the first Monday in every month. It shall audit all accounts, and no money shall be paid out of the treasury without its order. It shall elect all teachers and assistants in the home who are not elected by this board. It shall have general supervision of the home in all its departments. It shall carry out all orders of the board, and transact all business committed to it under the General Rules of the Board. It shall decide all questions of admission and discharge of children. It must make a full report of the year to the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees and this corporation.

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

1. The Superintendent must be a member of the Lutheran church, in good and regular standing in some congregation in connection with the United Synod of the South.

2. He must be elected for one year by the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting. A vacancy may be filled by a special meeting of the board, or by the Executive Committee until the next regular meeting of the board.

3. He shall have immediate control of the home in all its departments, subject to the authority of the Board of Trustees. Every teacher and assistant shall be amenable to him, and he shall be responsible to the board for the way in which they discharge their duties.

4. He shall conduct daily worship in this home, and have the care of the physical, intellectual, and spiritual education of the children. He shall be principal of his school, provide for the religious instruction of the children, see that they are properly clothed and fed, and cared for, have charge of the garden and lots of the home, see that both boys and girls perform such labors as are required of them, and discharge, under the authority of the Executive Committee, all the duties that belong to a "house-father."

5. All applications for admission of children into the home must be made to him. It shall be his duty to investigate each case and report the facts to the next meeting of the Executive Committee, without whose approval no child will be received or dismissed from the home.

6. He shall keep all the records of the home, which shall contain the name, date of birth, date of entrance into the home, of the dismissal of each child, and all other items of its history that may be of importance. He shall keep a file of all letters in regard to the admission and withdrawal of children, and such other correspondence as may be of value in his administration, or the history of the home.

7. He shall not absent himself for a longer period than a day without the consent of the Executive Committee.

8. He must prepare a full report of the work of the year, to be submitted to the Board of Trustees.

MATRON AND TEACHERS.

The matron and teachers must be members of the Lutheran church. The matron, in connection with the Superintendent, shall direct the domestic affairs of the home. The teachers, in addition to their duties in the schoolroom, shall render such other assistance as may be assigned them by their Superintendent. No matron or teacher will be retained who is not deeply interested in the children and in thorough sympathy with the work of the home.

CHILDREN.

1. No child under FIVE years of age, nor over TWELVE, can be admitted. No illegitimate child of any age will be received.

2. Boys are to be dismissed at sixteen, and girls at eighteen years of age.

3. Children of Lutheran parents and full orphans are to have the preference in point of admission.

4. Children who are fully, and those who are in part, orphans, but who are not wholly destitute, may be admitted by paying such amounts per month as the Superintendent and the Executive Committee may decide.

5. All children must attend regularly the services of the Lutheran congregation, and be taught the Lutheran doctrine.

6. Children are not permitted to leave the home, except under extraordinary circumstances, and then only by the consent of the Superintendent and the Executive Committee.

7. The older children may be permitted to become students of Roanoke College, with the consent of the Superintendent and the Executive Committee.

VISITORS.

1. Visitors may be admitted to the home at such times as are convenient, but they are not allowed to go through the buildings or grounds unless escorted by the Superintendent, or matron, or some one designated by them.

2. No one will be permitted to call upon any child, except under the conditions laid down by the Executive Committee, and the special consent of the Superintendent.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

1. The charter shall not be changed without the consent of the United Synod.

2. The Orphan Home and its curtelage, comprised in Section 19 of the Salem Improvement Company, cannot be sold or encumbered without the consent of the United Synod.

3. The corporation shall make reports to the regular meetings; and, if called upon, to the special meetings of the United Synod; and the Trustees shall make reports to the corporation annually, or as often as required.

4. The corporation shall carry out all the requirements of the United Synod, provided no such requirements shall violate the charter of the corporation.

5. Regular and systematic religious instruction shall be given the children, including Bible Study and the Symbols of the Church.

6. None of the preceding rules shall be changed without the consent of the United Synod.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. A. Freed.

At 8.30 p. m., the vesper service was conducted by Rev. A. R. Beck, and addresses on missions were made by Revs. M. O. J. Kreps and W. H. Riser.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCT. 8, 1908, 9.30 A. M.

Synod convened, and opened with devotional services, led by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Deaton.

The roll was called, minutes of yesterday's sessions read and adopted.

The Report of Committee on Common Book of Worship

was read, received, and referred to the following committee: Revs. J. B. Greiner, W. A. C. Muller, E. C. Cronk, and Messrs. J. L. Wisman and J. D. Heilig.

Mr. H. S. Boner was recognized. Prof. J. T. Crabtree was received as an advisory member.

The Publishing Committee made their report, which was referred to the following committee: Revs. R. C. Holland, C. K. Bell, M. O. J. Kreps, A. D. R. Hancher, and Messrs. J. E. Cooper, H. L. Bonham, and J. M. Rhodes.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary reported. Report referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Report submitted the following, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

Savanah, Ga., Oct. 8, 1908.

To the President and Members of the United Synod,

BRETHREN: The Committee to Audit Treasurer's Account respectfully report that they have examined the report of C. H. Duls, Treasurer of the United Synod, and found the same correct, all disbursements being evidenced by proper vouchers. The "F. P. Cover" fund apparently is safely invested.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MURRY,
E. M. MINNICK,
GEO. J. EICHHORN.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. H. DULS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

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July 10, 1906.	To bal. in hands Treas. (p. 48, last Minutes) .	$ 88 32
Dec. 19, "	Recd. of Rev. Dr. A. G. Voigt, Dean, (money bor. to pay Stecher Lithographic Co. in part)	529 70
Feb. 15, '07.	Recd. of M. Coffman, Treas. of Virginia Synod (½ c. per capita)	30 21
Apr. 14, '07.	Recd. of Dr. A. B. Greiner, for Mt. Airy pastorate, towards U. S. expenses	85

May 3, '07.	Recd. of J. M. Kinser, Treas. Holston Synod, on current expenses	$ 7 50
June 21, '07.	Recd. of J. M. Gnann, Treas. Georgia Synod, for U. Synod, Exp. Fund	16 00
Aug. 8. '07.	Recd. of Treas. E. L. Synod of Virginia . . .	30 21
17, '07.	Recd. of Treas. E. L. Tennessee Synod . . .	50 50
29, '07.	Recd. of S. W. Va. Synod	34 63
Sep. 29, '08.	Recd. of United Synod Pub. Co. (per Rev. A. G. Voigt) proceeds from sale of picture charts . .	104 94
	Total receipts	$ 892 86

Note o. Several synods yet to report.

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July 21, '06.	Paid to Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary, (p. 91, last Minutes)	$ 25 00
Oct. 16, '06.	Paid Band & White (p. 95, last Minutes) . . .	6 25
Oct. 29, '06.	Paid Rev. R. C. Holland (copies Dr. Jacob's address, p. —, last Minutes)	14 75
Dec. 14, '06.	Paid Stecher Lithographic Co. (pp. 54 and 57, last Minutes)	568 02
July 10, '07.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, Dean, interest on loan (page 57, last Minutes)	13 24
Jan. 30, '08.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, Dean, interest on loan (p. 57, last Minutes)	13 24
Jan. 30, '08.	Paid to John W. Horine, delegate to General Synod (p. 96, last Minutes)	30 00
May 5, '08.	Paid Henkel & Co. (on act., p. 91, last Minutes)	50 00
Sept. 25, '08.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, Dean, int. on loan (p. 57, last Minutes)	13 14
Sept. 25, '08.	Paid Rev. L. A. Fox, delegate to General Council (p. 96, last Minutes)	32 00
	Check enclosed herewith to President in favor A. G. Voigt, Dean	27 00
	Check enclosed herewith to President in favor Henkel & Co	100 22
	Total disbursements	$ 892 86

Note 1. Deducting from the $104.94 proceeds sale of picture charts the amounts advanced out of the treasury on Stecher Lithographic Co. account and for interest on the Theological Seminary loan of $529.70 (borrowed to pay off said Lithographic Co. indebtedness), leaves balance applicable towards paying the seminary note, $27.

Note 2. The Treasurer files check for aforementioned $27, also

check for $100.22 in favor Henkel & Co., with this report, as the picture chart fund has been very recently received, and he desires the approval of proper officials or of Synod in this disbursement of the fund, and agrees with the President that the proceeds of sale of charts should be credited on debt incurred for them.

Note 3. After applying the two checks as indicated, there will still be due Henkel & Co. $202.50; and also due Theological Seminary for money borrowed to pay Stecher Lithographic Co., $529.70 and interest as indicated in this report—less the $27, to be paid as indicated *supra*.

THE F. P. COVER FUND.

After conferring with the Advisory Committee, appointed by Synod for the purpose (p. 48, last Minutes) the Treasurer invested this fund of $10,000 on first mortgage real estate security in Mecklenburg Co., N. C., through the Southern Real Estate Loan and Trust Company, of Charlotte, N. C., the loans bearing 6 per cent. interest per annum, payable semi-annually. The correspondence with the Advisory Committee is submitted herewith. The Treasurer believes this fund is securely invested in accordance with the provisions of the will of the testator and the instructions of Synod, and he exhibits and files the papers and securities evidencing the investments herewith. $8,500 of this fund was loaned out on and has been bearing interest since August 14, 1906. The remaining $1,500 was loaned out on and has been bearing interest since August 15, 1906.

The interest has been paid on the $8,500 to Aug. 14, 1908 . .	$1020 00
The interest has been paid on the $1,500 to Aug, 15, 1908 . .	180 00
	$1200 00

Of this interest, there has been paid:

To Rev. J. A. Huffard, pastor Ebenezer Evan. Luth. church .	$ 120 00
To Paul S. Davis, Treas. Lutheran Orphan's Home	1080 00
	$1200 00

Vouchers for said payments are also herewith filed.

Respectfully submitted,

October 6, 1908. C. H. DULS, TREASURER.

On motion, "A Committee on Finance" was added to the list of Standing Committees, and numbered 12. See Rules of Order, p. 6.

The Committee on Theological Seminary made their report, which was received and considered by items.

Pending the consideration of this report, Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. C. E. Weltner.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCT. 8, 1908, 3. P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. D. Kinard.

The credentials of Rev. I. O. Baker, official visitor from the General Council, were received; and also those of Rev. John C. Bowers, official visitor from the General Synod.

On motion, 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow was fixed as the time to hear these official visitors.

On motion, 11 a. m. tomorrow was fixed as the time for the consideration of the Report of the Publication Board.

The following paper was received from the Woman's Conference:

PAPER FROM WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That this conference, representing the women's missionary societies of the United Synod of the South, does hereby give official assurance to the United Synod that these societies in all their plans and purposes desire to conform strictly to the will of the United Synod and to co-operate most heartily in all the work of the church conducted through the regular channels; and, furthermore, that in every specific undertaking of more than incidental importance they particularly desire the advice and approval of the Mission Board.

RESPONSE FROM THE UNITED SYNOD.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the reading of the message from the Woman's Missionary Conference, and that the same be printed in our Minutes; and that they be requested to furnish an abstract of the proceedings of their convention, to be published in the Minutes of the United Synod.

The Report of the Committee on Theological Seminary was taken up, amended, and finally adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Your Committee on Theological Seminary is glad to report that the general condition of the institution is satisfactory. If, however, the chief work of the Church is to make known the Gospel to those who know it not, and to strengthen those who receive it, then it is obligatory upon the Church to provide the fullest training of the men called to preach the Gospel. To this end the further enlargement of the Seminary is necessary. More instructors are required. Facilities to serve the Church are urged.

Your committee would therefore recommend:

1. That the Seminary be removed from Mount Pleasant.

2. That, when the Seminary shall have been moved, the Board of Directors be and are hereby authorized to secure $50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the desired enlargement and equipment of the institution.

3. That until the required amount is secured the several synods continue their annual contributions to the support of the Seminary.

4. That the report of Board of Directors be considered by items.

5. That a committee of one from each synod, in connection with the Board of Directors of the Seminary, be appointed and empowered to carry out the actions of Synod respecting the re-location of the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. R. HANCHER,
J. F. DEAL,
S. C. BALLENTINE,
J. A. CLINE,
JACOB PAULSEN.

Under item 5 the following committee was appointed:

Revs. Geo. H. Cox, D. D., C. K. Bell, J. A. Morehead, D. D., L. A. Fox, D. D., E. C. Cronk, J. L. Derrick, V. C. Ridenhour, and O. B. Mayer, M. D.

Pending the consideration of the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Revs. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., and C. B. King, D. D., were received as advisory members.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D. D.

At 8.30 p. m., Rev. W. J. Finck made an address on Inner Missions, and Mr. Geo. B. Cromer, LL. D., on Our Publication Cause. Vesper service conducted by Rev. H. A. McCullough.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCT. 9, 1908, 9.30 A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with singing, and prayer led by Rev. J. F. Deal.

The pending report was now taken up, and considered by items :

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1. The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary chosen at the last convention of the United Synod met promptly and organized by the election of the following officers, viz. :

President—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D.
Vice-President—Rev. J. H. Wilson, D. D.
Secretary—John F. Ficken.
Treasurer—C. M. Ffird.

Work of the Seminary.

2. The attendance during the session of 1906-07 embraced nine students in all, viz.: two seniors, three middle class, and four juniors. At the close of the session two received certificates of graduation. During the session the two regular professors were assisted by Rev. Jno. W. Horine and Rev. W. A. C. Muller who delivered special courses of lectures.

During the session of 1907-08 fourteen students were in attendance, viz.: Three seniors, five middle class, and six juniors. At the commencement in May, 1908, three students received certificates of graduation. The Rev. W. A. C. Muller and the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., assisted the regular faculty by delivering special lectures during the session.

3. Under the full powers vested in this board at a previous convention of the United Synod, the board was authorized to sell the Seminary property, located in Mount Pleasant, and to remove the institution to the city of Charleston, S. C. The times were not auspicious for a sale, and the matter was not consummated.

The Board of Directors have given this question of the removal of the Seminary the most careful consideration ; and at its last meeting adopted the following stated resolution, viz.:

Whereas, The United Synod in convention at New Market, Va., vested the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary with full power to sell the real estate used by the Seminary and located in Mount Pleasant, S. C.. with a view to the establishment of the Seminary in the city of Charleston, S. C. ; and inasmuch as the Board of Directors has not fully exercised the power thus vested in it in bringing the matter of transfer of location to final consummation ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the judgment of this board the authority to remove the Seminary to Charleston, S. C., should remain in force

until the first day of May, 1909, and that unless such removal be assured on or before that date, the Board of Directors should be authorized to establish the Seminary at some point other than Mount Pleasant within the bounds of the United Synod, and that the United Synod be asked to grant the Board of Directors this additional authority.

The request of the Board of Directors as expressed in this resolution is therefore respectfully submitted to the Synod for consideration and action thereon.

4. The following is a general summary of the finances of the board, viz.:

1908.

May 9.	Amount of investments held by the Treasurer	$31,302 00
	Cash in hands of Treasurer	909 62
	Total	$32,211 62

INCOME ACCOUNT.

1907.

May 6.	To cash in hands of Treasurer	$ 724 48
	To cash received by him during the year ending May, 1908	3403 04
		$ 4127 52

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By cash paid out during the year	$ 3332 15
Balance on hand	$ 795 37

5. The receipts from the invested fund being insufficient to meet expenses we recommend the same annual synodical apportionment as adopted at the last convention, viz.:

North Carolina Synod	$133 00
Tennessee Synod	100 00
South Carolina Synod	143 00
Virginia Synod	120 00
Southwestern Virginia Synod	87 00
Georgia Synod	66 00
Holston Synod	17 00
Mississippi Synod	5 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. FICKEN,
Secretary Board Trustees.

All the items of this report were adopted *except* No. 3, under which the following was adopted:

That the preamble of item 3 be adopted, and the resolving part be not adopted, and in place of the resolving part of said item it is resolved that resolutions 1, 2, and 4, on pages 58 and 59, of the Minutes of this Synod for 1904, be continued in force.

The report of Rev. John W. Horine, delegate to the General Synod, was received and adopted :

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO GENERAL SYNOD.

Charleston, S. C., August 3, 1907.

REV. A. G. VOIGT, D. D., PRESIDENT OF UNITED SYNOD,

Dear Sir :—Your delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America would respectfully report that the forty-third convention of that body was held in Zion's Evangelical Lutheran church, Sunbury, Pa., beginning May 22, 1907. While your delegate was not able to be present at the opening session, it was his privilege to attend the subsequent sessions until the day prior to adjournment. He was especially impressed by three things : (1) the earnest, aggressive spirit manifested by the brethren of the General Synod and the unity and unanimity with which they project and execute their extensive and diversified work ; (2) the admirable efficiency of the several committees and boards in the performance of the duties assigned to them and the fulness and clearness of their printed reports ; (3) the prominence of laymen in the deliberations and business of the synod and their willing sacrifice of time and means in its service.

On Monday, May 26th, an opportunity was given your delegate to present the greetings of the United Synod. In doing so, he took occasion to describe the relative size and strength of the United Synod aud the General Synod and to show that, in point of liberality and results obtained, the former body had no reason to shrink from the comparison. Special emphasis was laid upon the present status and the probable future growth and needs of our home and foreign mission fields.

Your delegate, as the representative of the United Synod, was received with much kindness. The Rev. Prof. D. H. Bauslin, D. D., for the President, replied to your greetings most happily and fraternally. He gave assurance that the General Synod takes a deep and genuine interest in the United Synod and its work, sympathizes with us in the difficult problems which are pressing for a solution, and rejoices in the faith and courage with which we are advancing to the accomplishment of our providential task.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. HORINE.

The report of Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., delegate to General Council, was received and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

It was the privilege and pleasure of your delegate to the General Council to attend the last meeting held at Buffalo, N. Y., in September, 1907. He was cordially received and heard with kind respect. It was a body of able men, conscious of a great mission and full of faith and courage. They have a profound conviction, not merely of the certainty of the fundamental principles of religion, but also of the truth of the Lutheran Confessions. Their heroic devotion to religious principles is invigorating and inspiring in this age of hesitancy and doubt. They realize what it would be if the foundations were removed. There was a seriousness and earnestness running through the whole convention not always seen in ecclesiastical meetings. With every language spoken by Lutherans in America, the transactions were only in English. Much interest was manifested in the work of the United Synod of the South. The agreement between the Secretary of their Home Mission Board and the President of our Mission Board in regard to missions in the South was unanimously and heartily ratified. It is generous help that we cannot fail to appreciate. Since the adjournment of the convention of the Council in Buffalo, their Foreign Mission Board has begun work in co-operation with us in Japan. One of our own young men has already sailed to take charge of the work. The ties between the United Synod and the General Council are drawing closer. They have much in common. They have the same Confessional Basis and stand for the same great cause. Both are trying to hold up the supreme importance of pure truth in a time of widespread latitudinarianism. Both emphasize a genuine piety over against a sentimental pietism. Both are conservative, but try to rise above a dead conservatism and assimilate the new that is proven true without being carried away by every wave of rationalism. The Council is doing a great work in its own field. Besides its peculiar mission of gathering the multi-lingual Lutherans in America into one great body, it is building important institutions of learning, cultivating a large home mission territory, pushing forward its foreign mission, and leading all the Church in eleemosynary service.

Rev. I. O. Baker, D. D., was appointed delegate to our present convention.

L. A. FOX.

Rev. J. C. Bowers, official visitor from the General Synod, and Rev. I. O. Baker, official visitor from the General

Council, presented the fraternal greetings of their respective synods, to which the President of Synod responded most heartily.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this Synod places on record its hearty and grateful appreciation of the generous and liberal aid of the people of Mt. Pleasant and Charleston by which the establishment of the Theological Seminary at Mt. Pleasant was made practicable.

Hon. C. M. Efird and Hon. J. D. Cappelman were excused from further attendance upon this convention of Synod.

Synod adjourned to meet after the service tonight.

Prayer by Rev. W. C. Davis.

At 8.30 p. m., Rev. V. Y. Boozer made an address on Education for the Ministry ; and Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., on Orphan Home.

The evening service was conducted by Rev. C. Brown Cox.

SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCT. 9, 1908, 10 P. M.

Synod convened, and was opened with prayer by Rev. T. W. Shealy.

Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., presented the report on our Publication Cause, which was considered by items, and adopted :

REPORT ON THE REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Publishing Committee presents a full and most satisfactory statement of the great work accomplished since the last meeting of this body. It presents the history of the development of the publication cause, which is most gratifying ; and clearly indicates in its explicit and comprehensive record that the committee has proceeded both judiciously and bravely, culminating in the completion of a great building costing $39,943.48 in which the United Synod holds stock to the amount of $5,418.94 in cash in addition to $8,452.50 outstanding subscriptions toward the extinguishment of the debt on the building. This great work has been accomplished without involving the United Synod in any financial responsibility.

This building was completed January 31, 1908, and now yields in rentals an annual income of $3,800 besides furnishing ample accommodation on the second floor for the use of the editor and staff as office rooms, &c.

The present indebtedness on the building is $34,830.81, the interest being fully covered by the annual rentals. The market value of the property known as the "Lutheran Publication Building" is not less than $50,000, and may become the property of the United Synod upon the payment of the original cost. This has been made possible by the unselfish service of certain liberal hearted persons who have given the church the benefit of their financial credit and individual responsibility.

We recommend :

1. That the thanks of the United Synod be extended to Dr. W. H. Greever, Mr. P. C. Price, and others as well as to the Publishing Committee for the great service they have rendered in this Publication Cause.

2. That the proceedings of the Publishing Committee as presented in the report of said committee, placed in our hands, be approved, and that said report be published in full in the Minutes of this convention of the United Synod.

3. That the legal name under which our publication business shall be conducted be "The Board of Publication of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

4. That the Board of Publication be authorized to take whatever steps may be necessary to effect the legal transfer of the Publication property to the United Synod.

5. That said Board of Publication be constituted for the present as follows : Geo. B. Cromer, LL. D., Rev. W. P. Cline, D. F. Efird, J. H. Wilson, D. D., P. C. Price, C. Armand Miller, D. D., Rev. E. J. Sox, and that the members of the board be elected by the United Synod biennially, and to serve until their successors are duly appointed, and that should a vacancy occur in the interim, the same be filled by the board itself.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HOLLAND,
C. K. BELL,
M. O. J. KREPS,
A. D. R. HANCHER,
J. E. COOPER,
H. L. BONHAM,
J. M. RHODES.

REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

In obedience to the instructions of the United Synod (see Minutes of 1904, pages 91 and 95, and Minutes 1906, pages 54-58) your committee has conducted the publishing business of this body until this date, and submits the following history of the acts of the committee together with such recommendations as seem important to it.

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE.

Immediately after the last meeting of the United Synod, the official canvass for the $3,950, necessary for the purchase of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, was pushed vigorously and on January 15, 1907, the special soliciting agent reported that the necessary amount had been secured in cash and subscriptions, and that the United Synod Publishing Company was willing to accept the unpaid subscriptions as cash. Thereupon, the purchase of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, *Tidings*, and all associated publishing interests of the United Synod Publishing Company was effected by your committee, and all necessary papers were executed. On that same date, Rev. W. H. Greever was elected to the offices of Editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, and General Manager ; Mr. W. P. Houseal, Office Manager ; and Rev. C. A. Freed, Treasurer.

Upon the showing made of the financial conditions of the office, your committee judged that a supplementary income of $1,500 annually would be necessary to maintain the publication of our papers, and authorized a committee to make an apportionment of and to raise that amount, as a "current maintenance fund." That effort resulted in the collection of $675.26. Under the conviction that this supplementary support could be better secured, and all of our publication interests better served by the raising of a single lump sum, which invested in the property at Columbia, the purchase of which property the United Synod conditionally authorized, your committee undertook, through its special agent, to raise by private contributions and congregational offerings the sum of $10,000, to be known as the "Permanent Maintenance Fund" (see Minutes of 1906, page 54). The special agent reported on Sept. 1, 1908, that the sum of $5920.28 had been received on that fund. This money, invested in the property at Columbia and secured, together with the continuous option to purchase that property, by the "Trust Deed," herewith exhibited, has already produced $300 for the current support of our publications.

On January 21, 1908, Rev. C. A. Freed resigned as treasurer, and was elected as consulting manager. Rev. W. H. Greever was elected treasurer, and assumed the duties of the office on March 2, 1908.

PUBLICATION SECRETARY.

In view of the necessity of a competent representative in the field to look after the circulation and use of our literature, especially the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, and upon the assurance of a generous private provision for the entire support of such a representative for at least one year, your committee, at its meeting, December 18, 1907, instituted the office of Publication Secretary, and called Rev. E. C. Cronk to serve in that capacity. Rev. Mr. Cronk accepted the call, and entered upon his work March 15, 1908.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER.

The general, condensed review of the progress of our work is given by topics in the report of the General Manager as submitted to your committee. The report is as follows, with the exception of certain special recommendations which are elsewhere covered in our report :

"Since the transfer of the Publication interests of the United Synod Publishing Company to the United Synod through its Publishing Committee on January 15, 1907, there has been a continuous development. Every department of our work shows a gratifying expansion, with brighter prospects for the future.

LUTHERAN CHURCH VISITOR.

"I submit herewith exhibits of the circulation and financial condition of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* for January 1, 1907, and September 1, 1908, from a comparison of which it appears that in all respects there is marked improvement. The circulation is larger by 190, though within this period we have removed 266 names in accordance with the requirements of the new postal law. Two hundred and one more of our subscribers are paid up in advance than were paid on January 1, 1907. The amount of subscriptions in arrears at that time was $2,886.34, while on September 1, 1908, it was $2,328.82. The interest on the part of the church at large in the circulation of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* is growing and from many persons come suggestions concerning plans for the placing of the paper in every home in the United Synod.

TIDINGS.

"As a Sunday-school and Missionary Journal, *Tidings* is much more than holding its own. The growth in its influence and circulation has been phenomenal, as the exhibit herewith submitted shows. The price of *Tidings* is so low that it is actually published at a loss, but the cost cannot be reduced, nor can the price be increased. The church makes a good investment by whatever amount it sets apart for this purpose.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

"The exhibit of our business in the department of Sunday-school Supplies shows a healthy condition. Gradually our schools are falling into line, and are placing their orders for literature through our office. The labor connected with this department is great in comparison with the net profits, but our chief consideration is the development of an interest in our own Publication Board. When we are able to carry our own stock, or publish supplies with our own imprint, this department will show its real importance. There has been a marked increase in the number of orders, especially for helpful books, since our Publication Secretary has been in the field.

LUTHER'S LARGE CATECHISM.

"About half our special edition (1,000) of Luther's Large Catechism has been sold. The publication of that edition was a wise thing, and we hope to be able at no distant day to issue other important publications of similar character. As yet it would seem to be unwise to attempt the publication of an elaborate work.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

"The stock of Proceedings of the Second and Third General Conference of Lutherans, comes down to us through the purchase made originally from Mr. E. H. Aull when these publications were purchased in order to effect the purchase of "*The Southern Lutheran.*" We would advise that these books be placed upon the bargain counter at such price as would assure their sale.

BOOK OF WORSHIP.

We have acted as distributing agents for the Book of Worship, under the supervision of the Common Service Committee, since the last meeting of the United Synod. Doubtless the Common Service Committee will make such recommendations as are desirable concerning this work for the future.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CHARTS.

We deem it unnecessary to make special report upon this subject except to say that there seems to be almost no demand for these charts in our own territory. We recently sold twenty-five sets to the Lutheran Book Concern, Columbus, Ohio, at cost. The stock on hand should be disposed of, by all means, at once.

PUBLICATION SECRETARY.

The special work of our Publication Secretary during these first six months of service has been largely an educational work. He has touched nearly every part of our territory, attending synods and con-

ventions, and has done excellent service. The wisdom of the committee in the establishment of this office and in the call of Rev. E. C. Cronk to fill it, has been proved. The possibilities of his usefulness are immeasurable. The exact character of his work during the next six months will depend upon certain actions which the United Synod may take.

Thanking you for your cordial and loyal support in the work of dealing with the extraordinary problems incident to this formative period of our work, I am

Very respectfully,

W. H. GREEVER, MANAGER.

The above report was received by the committee and the recommendations therein approved.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

The financial condition of our publication business is exhibited in the following reports of the treasurers:

Treasurer's Report from January 26, 1907, to March 2, 1908.

Receipts from all sources	$ 13197 03

Disbursements.

R. L. Bryan Co	$ 5238 30
Lutheran Publication Society	1477 50
Gen. Council Pub. Board	200 20
Common Service Committee	2792 90
Interest and insurance	460 92
Postage for mailing papers	328 00
Salaries	1654 08
Office expense	307 19
Sundries and Charts	381 26
Total amount disbursements	$ 12840 35
Balance in bank, March 2, 1908, and transferred to Rev. W. H. Greever, Treasurer	$ 356 68

Signed, REV. C. A. FREED, TREASURER.

Treasurer's Report from March 2, 1908, to September 1, 1908.

Receipts Cash.

Lutheran Church Visitor	$ 3162 80
Tidings	458 17
S. S. Supplies	1245 57
Multigraph	47 20
Commission on Hymnals	53 04
Third Proceedings	2 50

Advertising	$	292 76
Rev. E. C. Cronk, salary		415 00
Luther's Large Catechism, cash sales		2 80
Charts		181 55
Rental		300 00
	$	6195 96
Cash on hand March 2, 1908		356 68
Total Sept. 1, 1908	$	6552 64
Disbursements		6276 38
Balance Sept. 1, 1908	$	276 26

Disbursements.

Office expense	$	127 02
Postage (61)		97 94
Postage mailing		170 00
Multigraph		280 45
Hall, lights, etc., P. C. Price		36 46
Insurance (60)		18 72
Editorial library		91 72
Mrs. E. C. Cronk		75 00
Furniture and fixtures		99 98
Stationery		1 70
Expense of Rev. E. C. Cronk		61 78
S. S. maps		11 35
Interest		7 50
Rev. E. C. Cronk		520 00
Luther's Large Catechism		185 33
Charts		34 74
Magazine covers		2 00
W. P. Houseal		587 50
W. H. Greever, appropriation for clerical expense		283 50
S. S. supplies		812 80
Lutheran Church Visitor		7 53
Publication Cause		30 09
Wrapping paper and twine		44 15
R. L. Bryan Co		2624 86
	$	6276 38

W. H. GREEVER, TREASURER.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Assets.

Cash	$	276 26
Mdse. inventory		210 74

Furniture and fixtures	$1339 72
Net arrearages–L. C. V. subs	745 70
Accounts receivable	1031 08
Good will and franchise L. C. V	5000 00
Good will and franchise Tidings	500 00
	$9103 50

Liabilities.

Net advance subs. Tidings	$ 21 77
Accounts payable	1706 81
Bills payable	500 00
S. S. charts, amt. due com	94 13
Good will and cost L. C. V	3950 00
Good will and cost Tidings	100 00
Net gain	2730 79
	$9103 50

W. H. GREEVER, TREASURER.

The treasurers have placed in the hands of your committee complete itemized exhibits of each department above summarized.

PURCHASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF PROPERTY.

Immediately after the last meeting of the United Synod, your committee took up the negotiations for the purchase of the property in Columbia, for our Publication Building, along the lines of the proposition placed before the Synod at Dallas. The offer of the property at $14,000 was accepted, and all necessary steps were taken to secure its transfer to the United Synod when the necessary conditions should have been met. The title was left in the name of P. C Price until such time as the committee should judge it proper to have the legal transfer made. Plans having been submitted for the erection of such a building as was described at Dallas, the committee being convinced that the prospective tenants were reliable and that such incomes from rentals as had been represented could be realized, authorized the erection of such a building at a cost not to exceed $16,000, making the total cost of property, improved, not to exceed $30,000. This action was taken April 8, 1907. A building committee was appointed, and further preparations were made for the erection of the building. Under the advice of the superintendent of construction, Mr. W. J. Winesett, it was decided that certain alterations should be made in the building at an additional cost of about $9,000, enhancing the value of the building by that amount. Upon the presentation of the facts to the committee, it authorized the alterations upon condition, observed from the beginning, that the property should stand as the sole security for the money invested.

This action was taken on June 7, 1907. Work upon the construction of the building was begun at the last of July, 1907, and before January 1, 1908, the building was partially occupied by those who had leased it in advance. On January 31, 1908, the Building Committee reported that the work had been completed, at a total cost, not including taxes and insurance and interest of $39,743.48.

Immediately upon the opening of the building, all of the space, not occupied by our offices, was leased at a total income of $3,800 per year. The report of the special agent shows the amount of the church's money invested in this property and secured by trust deed.

REPORT OF AGENT.

Receipts.

Received from contributors	$5920 28
	$5920 28

Disbursements.

*Account expense as agent	$ 501 34
To P. C. Price, Treasurer of Building Fund	5418 94
	$5920 28

W. H. GREEVER, AGENT.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the Building Committee up to May 1, were audited and the financial showing at that time indicated an indebtedness of $35,430.81, including interest, taxes, etc. As information, the treasurer of that fund now reports the present indebtedness $34,830.81.

The present conservative valuation of our property by disinterested parties is from $50,000 to $60,000, and its location guarantees a constant enhancement in value.

In view of the increasing responsibilities connected with the development of our publication interests the committee recognized the necessity of action, and at its meeting on September 24, 1908, called upon Rev. W. H. Greever to give his whole time to his offices as Editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and General Manager at a salary of $1,500, and an allowance not to exceed $35 per month for house rent. This action being in prospect, and realizing the necessity of having the entire income from the property for the support of the increased working force, the committee inaugurated a movement for the complete liquidation of the indebtedness on the property. Toward

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* This is the total expense for the raising of the $3,950 Purchase Fund, the $5,920.28 on Permanent Maintenance Fund, and the $8,452.50 in subscriptions on the Liquidation Fund—a total of $18,322,78.

amount necessary for that purpose we are able to report good subscriptions to the amount of $8,452.50, payable January 1, 1909, and January 1, 1910, upon the condition that the whole amount be raised. It is believed that by concentration and co-operation in a personal canvass the whole amount can be secured by January 1, 1909.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Synod approve the actions of your committee.

2. That the Synod specify under what legal name our publication business shall hereafter be conducted, and suggest the appropriateness of the name "Board of Publication of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South."

3. That the Synod authorize such action as may be necessary in order to effect the legal transfer of the Publication Property to the United Synod.

4. In view of the fact that, in this formative period of our publication cause, when necessary steps in its development cannot be clearly enough foreseen to secure specific authority for the taking of those steps, we ask the Synod to commit this cause to those only in whose judgment it can have full confidence; and, trusting them to guard sacredly the financial interests of the Synod, they be given power to act in the promotion of this cause as their sober judgmeut may dictate and as the means at their command may make possible, without making such appeals to the Church as would interfere with other general interests.

W. P. CLINE,
GEO. B. CROMER,
D. F. EFIRD.

The following Report on Literary Institutions was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Literary Institutions, would report as follows:

ROANOKE COLLEGE.

The course of study has been raised nearly one year. Christian sentiment among the students has been good, and thirty or thirty-five have the Gospel ministry in view, about 85 per cent. of these belong to the Lutheran church. Two new chairs, that of Biology and Geology and History and Economics, have been installed. It has altogether seventeen professors and instructors in the teaching force. One of the evidences of the high standing of its students is seen in the number of scholarships they have won in the different universities. Three members of the class of 1908 have been appointed to scholarships in the post-graduate department of Yale University; two have been appoint-

ed to fellowships at Princeton; three received scholarships at Johns Hopkins ; and one won the Rhodes scholarship at Oxford University.

NEWBERRY COLLEGE.

This college is owned and controlled by the Synod of South Carolina. The past year has been the most successful in its history, and opens this year with its largest enrollment, 240.

It has recently received an additional endowment of $85,000, making a total of $115,000 with a prospect of a still further endowment of $75,000. The faculty has been strengthened until it now includes a teaching force of 14 and a librarian.

The constituency of the college is constantly widening and the curriculum raised and broadened.

LENOIR COLLEGE

Is owned and controlled by the Tennessee Synod. This is a decidedly Christian institution. A special feature is the provision for the teaching of religious studies. A chair of Bible and religious studies, giving full course in Bible, catechetics, Bible history, and lectures on the Augsburg Confession, has been established, and students from Lutheran homes are required to take these studies.

Lenoir is co-educational under the very best management and control.

The endowment aggregates $25,000, contributed by members of the Tennessee Synod.

The attendance has increased 25 per cent. in the last two years.

By action of the University of North Carolina, graduates from Lenoir are admitted without examination to post-graduate work in that university.

The outlook for Lenoir is most hopeful and encouraging.

THE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

This institution is making marked improvement and most commendable progress under the efficient management of the co-Principals Rev. J. P. Miller and Prof. G. F. McAllister. A military feature has just been introduced, and the new discipline is proving entirely satisfactory. It too has a constantly growing constituency, and is a most valuable tributary to our colleges.

MARION FEMALE COLLEGE.

This institution opened this year with the largest enrollment in its history. Students from seven States and over two-thirds of them are Lutherans, representing nine Synods.

At a recent meeting, the alumnae, numbering 156, completed a more thorough organization and pledged themselves enthusiastically

to the support of the Board of Trustees in their plans for the erection of new buildings.

Bible history has been a prescribed part of the course of study for twenty years, and Luther's catechism is also taught.

This is the oldest of our female institutions. The instruction is thorough and good.

MONT AMOENA SEMINARY.

As usual this seminary is full to its utmost capacity and that without the effort of a personal canvass, and it not infrequently happens that applicants are refused for want of room to accommodate them, which bespeaks its popularity.

Students are there representing different States and synods. Thorough instruction is given, and the students have wholesome religious influences.

ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

This institution is devoted exclusively to the education of young ladies, and stands for higher education.

It has students from many States of the Union, representing various Lutheran synods. The continued efficient and growing importance of this splendid institution commends it to our most favorable consideration and hearty support. Inasmuch as the special visitor, appointed by this body, has reported further, we deem it unnecessary to go into details.

Altogether our literary institutions, which stand for the vital interest of our Southern church, deserve even greater co-operation and a more loyal support than hitherto received.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. SHENK,
E. L. WESSINGER,
J. P. COOK,
S. A. WOLFF,
W. H. RISER.

On motion, the report on that of the Board of Missions was made the special order for tomorrow morning.

The Statiscal Secretary made his report, which was adopted.

Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D. D., re-elected Statistical Secretary.

The following on Sunday-school work was adopted :

SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

WHEREAS, The Sunday-school, as now understood, is the "Christian Church engaged in teaching and studying the Holy Scriptures,"

and should therefore be loyal to doctrine and history of the Church ; and

WHEREAS, Many pastors and superintendents, realizing the inefficiency of Sunday-school work as generally found, and recognizing the growing need of better teaching and better studying, are organizing their young people into normal classes for the better study of the Word of God and sound pedagogical grading and teaching ; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the aim and genius of the Lutheran church to thoroughly instruct its children ; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we heartily approve the general aim of Lutheran Bodies in arranging Teacher Training Courses and Normal Sunday-school Conventions.

Resolved, 2. That the President of this Synod appoint a committee, consisting of one member from each District Synod, to take under consideration the improvement of the Sunday-school, and recommend at the next biennial any plans it deems feasible.

Resolved, 3. That each District Synod be requested to bear the necessary expenses of its representative while engaged in this work.

H. A. McCULLOUGH.

The following committee was appointed to carry out the purpose of this action :

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

Revs. H. A. McCullough, C. K. Bell, C. A. Freed, T. O. Keister, W. H. Riser, T. W. Shealy, W. H. Roof, J. L. Derrick.

Synod adjourned to be convened at 9 a. m. tomorrow.

Benediction by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCT. 10, 1908, 9 A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. J. B. Greiner, D. D.

Revs. E. L. Folk, J. J. Long, and M. J. Epting were appointed to nominate Seminary Board.

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Missions was received, considered by items, and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following :

In taking the closer view of our mission work necessitated by the duty you laid upon us we were more deeply impressed than ever with the large proportions it has assumed. Twenty years ago, the United Synod met in this church and solemnly resolved to begin a mission in Japan. One member, a layman, proposed that we raise twenty thousand dollars in the biennium or ten thousand a year for foreign missions. In that day we thought it impossible. Today with many other pressing demands our board tells us that we must have at least fifteen thousand for foreign missions alone per annum. The organization of the Japan College will require the closest attention of the board. The increased number of missionaries and the establishment of new missions will also greatly increase the care and labor of the board. Fifteen thousand dollars per annum is required for our Home Missions. The home field is widening, and calls for vigorous cultivation. Mission points are pleading for immediate help. We dare not neglect or postpone this work. It is no less important than the foreign work. It requires very little less care. In view of these and many other facts, your committee after a prolonged study of the conditions which confront us recommend :

1. That we divide the Mission Work into Home Missions and Foreign Missions, and we establish two Boards, to be known the one as the Foreign Mission Board of the United Synod and the other as the Home Mission and Church Extension Board of the United Synod. Each board will elect its own officers and carry on its own work according to the principles and rules which obtain in this Synod.

2. We nominate the following brethren for the Foreign Mission Board : Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Rev. W. A. Deaton, Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, Rev. J. H. Murphy, Rev. M. J. Epting, Mr. B. W. Kime, Mr. J. E. Cooper, and Mr. J. M. Lichtenwanger.

3. We nominate for the Home Mission Board : Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., Rev. T. O. Keister, D. D., Rev. W. H. Riser, Rev. W. H. Roof, Rev. T. W. Shealy, Rev. J. L. Derrick, Rev. J. E. Shenk, Dr. G. B. Cromer and Mr. J. W. Mauney.

4. As the board suggests, we recommend :

(a) That Epiphany season be adopted for special offerings for Foreign Missions.

(b) That April be continued as Japan month in all our Sunday-schools.

(c) That October be adopted as Home Mission month in all our churches.

(d) That Reformation season be as Home Mission day in all our Sunday-schools.

(e) That fifteen thousand dollars per annum be appropriated to Foreign Missions.

(f) That fifteen thousand per annum be appropriated to Home Missions.

(g) That ten thousand be appropriated to Church Extension.

These amounts are to be apportioned among the district synods according to their respective membership.

5. We are glad that the General Council has agreed to cooperate with us in both the Home and Foreign fields. So far as appears in the report of our board the relations are not clearly defined. In regard to Japan it is said, "The Board of the General Council resolved to send one or more missionaries to work with us in that field said missionary to be under the direction of the board sending him out." Our experience in India as well as our observation of the mission work of others have taught us that such cooperation is exposed to many complications, and that two bodies working on the same territory should clearly understand each other. In regard to the work in Alabama it is said, "The support of the local missionary shall be arranged between the two boards as well as all property and building matters." This statement does not seem quite clear. We recommend that each of our boards secure a clear and definite understanding with the corresponding boards of the Council so that each party may know the rights and claims of the others.

6. We would commend to the Home Mission Board the special consideration of the mission work in Greensboro, N. C., and Brunswick, Georgia, with the suggestion that, if the promise warrants, their efforts be so concentrated upon them as to establish them within the immediately succeeding biennium.

7. We record our appreciation of the earnestness, zeal, and ability with which the board has prosecuted the work and discharged the duties of their office during the past biennium.

L. A. FOX,
GEO. H. COX,
A. R. BECK,
W. C. DAVIS,
L. L. SMITH,
J. M. GNANN,
J. W. JENNY.

The following was adopted, and nominees elected :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We, the committee to nominate a Board of Directors for the Theological Seminary, beg to submit the following :

Clerical—R. C. Holland, D. D., M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., W. A.

Deaton, M. O. J. Kreps, J. H. Wilson, D. D., C. A. Freed, V. Y. Boozer.

Lay—J. F. Ficken, Esq., C. M. Efird, Esq., G. B. Cromer, Esq., Hon. H. S. Trout, J. D. Cappelman, Esq., J. E. Cooper, J. Wulburn.

Respectfully,

E. L. FOLK,
JNO. J. LONG,
M. J. EPTING.

The Committee on President's Report submitted the following, which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your committee desires first of all to express its gratification at the efficient manner in which the President has conducted all the affairs coming before this body.

As to his report we would say, that after very appropriately acknowledging our dependence upon our kind heavenly Father for success in all our undertakings as laborers in the kingdom of God, and calling attention to the many evidences of progress during the past few years, he refers to the wide-spread unsettling of established and fundamental beliefs among professing Christians, and directs our minds to the fact that the great bond of union among us, is our faith, as set forth in the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of our Church.

Your committee recommends that the United Synod heartily approves the careful statements made in the preamble of his report concerning faith and practice.

Concerning the recommendations contained in his report, we recommend :

1. That, with reference to item one, the matter be referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

2. That item two be adopted.

3. That item three be adopted.

4. That action on item four be deferred.

5. That the United Synod expresses its very great pleasure in the increased activity of the laymen of the church, as evidenced by the Laymen's Movement ; and that we wish them God's speed in their work for the church.

6. That item six be adopted.

7. That item seven be adopted.

8. As to item eight, the Synod rejoices in the interest being awakened in Inner mission work. We recommend the appointment of a com-

mittee to report on Pastor Weltner's report of the deaconess training work.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
C. A. FREED,
H. A. McCULLOUGH,
B. B. MILLER,
H. D. DERRICK.

The following Committee Auxiliary to the Committee on Book of Worship was appointed : Revs. W. A. Snyder, L. L. Smith, D. D., E. C. Cronk, and Messrs. P. C. Price and G. C. Hines.

The Report of the Committee on the Report of the Book of Worship was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP.

There has been placed in the hands of your committee a full report giving an exhibit of the work of the Committee on Common Book of Worship during the last biennium, showing the number of copies produced in the different editions and binding, the number sold, and the stock now on hand.

We recommend :

1. That Synod approve the acts of the committee.

2. That all purely business transactions in connection with the publication and sale of the Book of Worship be placed in the hands of the Publication Board of the United Synod, subject to the approval of the Committee on the Common Book of Worship.

3. That the profits accruing from sales of Book of Worship be turned over to the Treasurer of the United Synod.

4. That the United Synod immediately undertake the production of a music edition of the Book of Worship and push the work to a completion as rapidly as may be possible consistent with good workmanship.

5. That that part of the report pertaining to the advertising of the Book of Worship be stricken from the report and do not appear in Minutes.

J. B. GREINER,
WM. A. C. MUELLER,
E. C. CRONK,
J. L. WISMAN,
JAMES D. HEILIG.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Your committee begs leave to report as follows:

On August 20, 1907, the Rev. J. W. Horine, who for several years had served as chairman of the Committee on Common Book of Worship, having accepted a call to work beyond the bounds of the United Synod, by resignation ceased to be a member of this committee On the same date, by appointment of the President of this body, the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., succeeded him as a member of the committee, and, at the request of the appointing power, has acted as chairman.

We deem it proper to suggest that the Synod put on record its high appreciation of the faithful and efficient service of the Rev. Mr. Horine as a member of this committee. On him principally devolved the labor connected with the publication of our new Hymnal together with the Common Service—a labor involving voluminous correspondence, the reading and re-reading of proofs, problems of finance, and numerous other details requiring very close and careful attention. To him it was a labor of love, and he did it faithfully and well. It was done in the quiet of his study, where he was unobserved by the world; and consequently few knew of his sacrifices of time and energy to this work, those few being his intimate friends and associates.

Your committee has held two full meetings within the biennium; one at Dallas, N. C., July 14, 1906, the other at Mt. Pleasant, S. C., October 29, 1906.

At the meeting at Dallas, immediately after the adjournment of Synod, there was in the hand of the committee a balance of $53.54. In accordance with the action of Synod (see Minutes, p. 84 f. and 86, recommendation 4) the chairman was authorized to reimburse himself in the sum of $52.73 for expenses incurred by him in the discharge of his duties. This left a balance of $0.81.

In this connection it is proper to report also that the order of Synod with reference to the payment of balance of $186.16 on note executed to make settlement with Mr. E. H. Aull has been carried out, payment having been made Oct. 23, 1906, as shown by accompanying voucher.

BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Pulpit Edition.

The principal business of your committee since the last meeting of Synod has been the supply and distribution of the Book of Worship.

In order to meet the increasing demand for a book with larger print than the 24 mo. book the committee entered into negotiations with Mr. C. B. Opp, Manager of the General Council Publication House,

and, having obtained from him satisfactory terms for composition and electrotyping of the Hymnal for 12 mo. edition, transmitted to him, on February 25, 1907, an order to proceed to the printing of an edition of 1,000 copies of the Book of Worship in that size. (The plates for the first, or service, part of the book were already in his possession. See Min. 1906, p. 78). The cost of composition and electroplates for the 453 pages of the Hymnal was $516.42; that of correcting and shaving plates for the service part of the book was $31.04, making a total cost for plates of $607.46.

On May 3, 1907, an order was placed with Mr. Opp for 600 copies of the Pulpit Edition, which was filled as follows :

Arabesque, gilt	401
Imitation Morocco	99
Turkey Morocco (board)	50
Turkey Morocco (flexible)	52

The books were shipped on June 24, 1907, to the United Synod Publishing Company, Columbia, S. C., where since that time they have been on sale at the following prices fixed by the committee :

Arabesque, gilt	$1 50
Imitation Morocco	2 50
Turkey Morocco (boards)	3 50
Turkey Morocco (flexible)	4 00

The Small Book.

The stock of the small Book of Worship on hand July 1, 1906, according to the report of the committee (see Min. 1906, page 83), was as follows :

Cloth	458
Arabesque, gilt	75
Morocco, single	83
Morocco, combination	182
Brown calf, combination	42
Mouse calf, combination	44

Since that date the following purchases have been made and added to the stock :

Single.

Half leather	3788
Arabesque gilt	610
Imitation Morocco	350
Turkey Morocco	100

Combination.

Imitation Morocco	350
Turkey Morocco	250

Following is a statement furnished by the United Synod Publishing Company:

REPORT ON BOOK OF WORSHIP, JULY 1, 1906, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1908.

Uncollected accounts July 1, 1906	$ 493 05	
Total amount of sales	5088 10	$5581 15
Total amount of cash received		5005 58
Uncollected accounts Sept. 1, 1908		575 57
Total amount of cash received		$5005 58
To amount of checks paid committee	$4442 47	

Expense.

Postage	$ 64 52		
Wrapping	22 45		
Express, freight, and drayage	121 23		
Insurance	25 28		
Advertising	120 77	$ 354 25	
Commissions		208 86	
		$ 563 11	$5005 58

SALES JULY 1, 1906, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1908.

Half leather	4271
Arabesque gilt	535
Imitation Mor. Sing.	227
Turkey Mor. Sing.	138
Turkey Mor. Com.	186
Imitation Mor. Com.	178
Black calf	29
Mouse calf	9
Arabesque gilt pulpit	239
Imitation Mor. pulpit	48
Morocco board pulpit	26
Morocco flex. pulpit	26

INVENTORY OF BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Half leather	—
Arabesque gilt	184
Imitation Morocco single	118
Imitation Morocco combination	180
Turkey Morocco single	56
Turkey Morocco combination	233
Black calf	20
Black calf	8
Mouse calf	20

Pulpit Edition.

Arabesque gilt	140
Imitation Morocco	42
Morocco board	26
Morocco flexible	22

OLD BOOKS OF WORSHIP.

Stock on hand September 1, 1908.

English Turkey, pulpit, comb.	9
Japanese limp, pulpit, comb.	18
Arabesque gilt, pulpit, comb.	1

The following exhibit will show the financial transactions of the committee.

COMMITTEE ON COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP,
REV. J. W. HORINE, CHAIRMAN,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE UNITED SYNOD.

DR.

1906.			
July 1.	To balance on hand	$	7 94
July 2.	To check United Synod Publishing Company		45 60
Aug. 8.	" " " " "		50 00
Oct. 7.	" " " " "		125 00
Oct. 11.	" " " " "		50 00
Oct. 23.	" " " " "		75 00
Dec. 10.	" " " " "		200 00
Dec. 18.	" " " " "		150 00
1907.			
Jan. 15.	" " " " "		370 83
Feb. 9.	" " " " "		100 00
Feb. 25.	" " " " "		200 00
March 13.	" " " " "		100 00
April 11.	" " " " "		150 00
April 18.	" " " " "		200 00
April 24.	" " " " "		224 90
April 30.	" " " " "		34 79
May 8.	" " " " "		30 29
May 15.	" " " " "		43 41
May 22.	" " " " "		65 53
May 29.	" " " " "		110 14
June 5.	" " " " "		16 37
June 19.	" " " " "		52 98
June 28.	" " " " "		47 97
July 2.	" " " " "		36 81

1906.		
July 9.	To check United Synod Publishing Company. . .	$ 7 55
July 17.	" " " " " . .	25 78
July 25.	" " " " " . .	9 26
July 31.	" " " " " . .	6 79
	Total	$ 2536 94

Cr.

1906.		
July 14.	By Rev. J. W. Horine, expenses	$ 52 73
Sept. 20.	By discount on note	9 20
Oct. 23.	By interest on note	39 84
Oct. 23.	By balance on note	186 16
Oct. 23.	By bill of C. B. Opp, Manager	38 00
Dec. 10.	By bill of C. B. Opp, Manager	200 00
Dec. 22.	By discount on note	8 00
Dec. 22.	By amount paid on note	150 00
1907.		
Jan. 21.	By exchange	53
Jan. 21.	By balance on note	370 30
Feb. 9.	By bill of C. B. Opp, Manager	100 00
Feb. 25.	By bill of C. B. Opp, Manager	200 00
Mar. 25.	By exchange	15
Mar. 25.	By balance on note	69 10
Mar. 25.	By bills of C. B. Opp, Manager	39 64
April 16.	By exchange	23
April 19.	By exchange	30
April 22.	By bill of C. B. Opp, Manager	147 20
April 22.	By bill of C. B. Opp, Manager	141 55
April 24.	By exchange	35
May 6.	By exchange	10
May 17.	By exchange	10
May 17.	By note of Otto Tiedeman, Sr	378 09
June 8.	By exchange	30
June 17.	By bill of C. B. Opp, Manager	197 06
June 24.	By exchange	10
June 28.	By exchange	10
July 1.	By exchange	10
July 2.	By bill of C. B. Opp, Manager	90 00
July 22.	By bill of C. B. Opp, Manager	61 44
	Balance on hand Aug. 10, 1907	56 27
	Total	$ 2536 94

COMMITTEE ON COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP,

REV. M. G. G. SCHERER, CHAIRMAN,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE UNITED SYNOD.

DR.

1907.		
Aug. 20.	To balance from Rev. J. W. Horine	$ 56 27
Aug. 20.	To chk. United Synod Pub. Co., dated Aug. 5, 1907.	69 58
Aug. 20.	" " " " " " " Aug. 17, 1907	80 30
Aug. 26.	" " " " " "	14 78
Sept. 3.	" " " " " "	32 72
Sept. 9.	" " " " " "	92 10
Sept. 21.	" " " " " "	82 34
Oct. 2.	" " " " " "	53 14
Oct. 9.	" " " " " "	30 80
Oct. 18.	" " " " " "	16 30
Oct. 22.	" " " " " "	2 88
Oct. 28.	" " " " " "	28 75
Nov. 4.	" " " " " "	11 97
Nov. 11.	" " " " " "	110 07
Nov. 18.	" " " " " "	62 67
Nov. 25.	" " " " " "	49 78
Dec. 2.	" " " " " "	8 58
Dec. 9.	" " " " " "	5 60
Dec. 16.	" " " " " "	16 65
Dec. 31.	" " " " " "	175 34
1908.		
Jan. 6.	" " " " " "	15 48
Jan. 18.	" " " " " "	45 85
Jan. 20.	" " " " " "	28 32
Jan. 27.	" " " " " "	41 54
Feb. 3.	" " " " " "	13 77
Feb. 11.	" " " " " "	22 48
Feb. 17.	" " " " " "	32 40
Feb. 24.	" " " " " "	169 94
Mar. 2.	" " " " " "	17 03
Mar. 7.	" " " " " "	10 05
Mar. 16.	" " " " " "	29 79
Mar. 23.	" " " " " "	38 55
Mar. 30.	" " " " " "	11 68
April 11.	" " " " " "	45 01
April 20.	" " " " " "	104 41
April 25.	" " " " " "	71 78
May 5.	" " " " " "	3 36

May 11.	To chk. United Synod Pub. Co	$	9 13
May 20.	" " " " " "		20 13
May 25.	" " " " " "		3 77
June 1.	" " " " " "		12 64
June 8.	" " " " " "		42 85
June 16.	" " " " " "		6 48
June 24.	" " " " " "		29 47
June 29.	" " " " " "		18 12
July 13.	" " " " " "		7 31
July 20.	" " " " " "		22 90
Aug. 3.	" " " " " "		34 53
Aug. 18.	" " " " " "		16 55
Aug. 31.	" " " " " "		33 80
Sept. 14.	" " " " due Aug. 15		10 00
Sept. 1.	Total	$	1969 74

Cr.

1907.			
Aug. 20.	By amount paid Rev. J. W. Horine for postage	$	4 00
Aug. 21.	By exchange		25
Sept. 7.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		200 00
Sept. 12.	By exchange		25
Sept. 27.	By exchange		15
Oct. 1.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		200 00
Oct. 21.	By exchange		35
Nov. 13.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		275 00
Nov. 13.	By exchange		55
Nov. 29.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		113 55
Nov. 29.	By exchange		35
1908.			
Jan. 10.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		221 08
Jan. 10.	By exchange		57
Feb. 7.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		125 00
Feb. 7.	By exchange		40
Feb. 27.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		228 25
Feb. 27.	By exchange		65
Apr. 10.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		100 00
Apr. 10.	By exchange		30
Apr. 24.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		150 00
Apr. 24.	By exchange		40
May 27.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		113 69
May 27.	By exchange		30
July 8.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		109 26
July 8.	By exchange		30

Aug. 5.	By exchange	$	10
Aug. 6.	By check to C. B. Opp, Manager	64	64
Sept. 1.	By balance on hand	60	35
		$1969	74

Assets.

In addition to stock on hand and about 350 sets of sheets of the Pulpit Edition, the assets are :

Uncollected accounts	$	575 57

Liabilities.

Mr. C. B. Opp, Manager, for books	$	433 27

CORRESPONDENCE WITH JOINT COMMITTEE OF GENERAL BODIES.

1. At the meeting, held at Mt. Pleasant, S. C., October 29, 1906, printed copies of Orders for Ministerial Acts, prepared by the Joint Committee of General Bodies, were submitted. These Orders were carefully examined ; suggestions of our committee were noted on the margins ; and the Orders were forwarded to the Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., LL. D., Secretary of the Joint Committee, together with the request that the committee of the United Synod be permitted to incorporate in its Service Book the Orders for Ministerial Acts as soon as the same have been agreed upon by the Joint Committee, under conditions similar to those which governed the publication of the Hymnal. To this request we received the following reply :

527 Washington St., Reading, Pa.,
August 28, 1908.

DEAR DR. SCHERER :

At a meeting of the Joint Committee, held November 7, 1906, a letter from Rev. J. W. Horine was read, and the following action was taken :

Resolved, That the work on Orders for Ministerial Acts has not proceeded far enough to allow us to grant the request of the United Synod, &c.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD T. HORN, *Secretary.*

2. A letter written April 16, 1907, by the Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn, Secretary of the Joint Committee on Service Book, laid before your committee a request of a committee representing the United Norwegian Lutheran Church to the effect that that body be permitted to print and use the Common Service, and also to send a delegate to participate with the Joint Committee in future work. In the same letter Dr. Horn stated that the Church Book Committee of the General Council had resolved that it favored allowing the United Norwegian church the free use of the Common Service, and that it would rec-

ommend to the General Council favorable action in regard to the matter of participation in the work of the Joint Committee. In answer to this letter your committee adopted a resolution concurring in the action of the Church Book Committee, and so notified the Secretary of the Joint Committee. We, therefore, recommend that this Synod consent to the use of the Common Service by the United Norwegian Lutheran church, and that it also declare itself ready, on its part, to welcome the United Norwegian church to co-operation in the work of the Joint Committee on the same terms adopted and observed by the bodies already represented.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That Synod approve the acts of this committee as herein set forth.

2. That all purely business transactions in connection with the publication and sale of the Book of Worship be placed in the hands of the Publishing Committee subject to the approval of the Committee on Common Book of Worship.

3. That the profits accruing from sales of Book of Worship be turned over to the Treasurer of the United Synod.

4. That Synod take into consideration the question of providing a music edition of the Book of Worship.

Respectfully submitted, M. G. G. SCHERER,
L. A. FOX,
A. G. VOIGT.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South be authorized, in its discretion, to procure a charter.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have 3500 copies of the Minutes of this Synod printed at the lowest price consistent with good work and prompt service, and that he receive $25 in token of our appreciation of his services.

The following committees were appointed :

On Rev. C. E. Weltner's Letter on Deaconess Training : Revs. J. D. Kinard, W. C. Davis, and Dr. E. O. Hentz.

On Indebtedness : Messrs. A. G. Wise, H. D. Derrick, and J. L. Wisman.

The Report of Committee on Official Visitor to Elizabeth College was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE VISITOR TO ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

Your committee would report that after consultation they find nothing in the report committed to them requiring action. They request, however, that the Report of the Visitor to this institution be returned to him for revision ; and that this committee be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. BOWERS,
W. A. DEATON,
W. H. GREEVER,
L. A. FOX,
J. P. COOK,
GEO. B. CROMER.

Hon. J. C. Seegers and Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., were excused from further attendance on this session of Synod.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.

EIGHTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1908, 3 P. M.

Synod was convened, and opened with prayer by Rev. J. E. Shenk.

Richmond, Va., was chosen as the place of the next biennial convention of this Synod, and Tuesday before the second Sunday in September, 1910, at 8 p. m., in First English Lutheran church, as the time.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Missions and Church Extension continue in operation under its existing charter as heretofore, in the prosecution of the general Mission Work, until January 1, 1909 ; and that in the meantime said board prepare to so adjust matters pertaining to the several departments of Mission Work that the two boards constituted at this convention may be ready to enter understandingly upon the special work falling to each.

Resolved, That Messrs. Cooper and Epting be considered members of this board, pending the reorganization, inasmuch as they have been named as future members in substitution for Messrs. Eberly and Schaeffer.

Resolved, That after January 1, 1909, the board as appointed by the United Synod as the Board of Foreign Missions shall be considered as in full charge of the duties devolved upon the same by the aforenamed action.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Only two documents have been placed in our hands.

No. 1 is a letter bearing the fraternal greetings of the Faculty of the Columbia Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., to this body, and expressing their gratification and pleasure at the prospect of having our Theological Seminary located in their city, if it should be removed from Mt. Pleasant, and giving assurance that a hearty welcome will be given those connected with the institution.

No. 2 is a letter of a similar nature from the Faculty of the University of South Carolina.

We recommend that our Secretary be instructed to convey to these institutions Synod's appreciation of the good will expressed in said letters, and that the letters be filed with the board of directors of our Seminary. Respectfully submitted

V. Y. BOOZER,
T. O. KEISTER,
Z. W. BEDENBAUGH,
D. A. RUDISILL,
J. C. CALE.

The following was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

Your committee would report as follows :

All matters in Minutes of last Synod requiring consideration at this convention have been acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. SHEALY,
E. L. FOLK,
G. B. COX,
A. G. WISE,
SILONE PENCE,
COMMITTEE.

The following was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOME.

Your Committee on Orphan Home would report the following :

1. We are pleased to note from the report of the President of the

corporation the growth and improvements during the last biennium.

2. That this Synod approves the action of the corporation in the installing of a new heating plant which, in the judgment of the corporation and all who fully understood conditions, was essential to the health of the inmates of the Home and the safety alike of the building itself.

3. That the corporation of the Home be authorized to provide ways and means to meet the necessary expenses incurred in installing the plant.

4. We are gratified to learn of the two bequests made to the Home, during the biennium, as stated by the President of the corporation in his report to this body.

5. The special educational and religious advantages afforded the children of the Home are highly gratifying to this body.

6. We recommend that all the Sunday-schools of the United Synod be urged to set apart at least one Sunday during the year, to be known as Orphan Home Sunday, and that offerings be taken for the support of the Home. Where suitable such offerings be taken during summer months, this being the time when fewer gifts come to the Home.

7. This committee would nominate the following as members of the corporation to fill vacancies of the five whose term has expired :

For 1909, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, J. P. Hautz, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Rev. C. B. Miller, and J. P. Gose.

For 1910, Rev. F. V. N. Painter, A. M. Bowman, Rev. M. M. Kinard, Rev. S. L. Keller, Rev. L. L. Smith.

For 1912, to fill vacancies, J. H. Marsteller and Ivan Yonce.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. KINARD,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
W. P. HUDDLE,
A. H. KOHN,
J. M. RHODES.

Committee on Orphan Home Debt reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOME DEBT.

Cost of Home	$ 14,500 00
Interest to Nov. 13, 1908	3,326 41
Expenses to date	1,293 60
Total	19,120 01
Cash paid	17,582 51
Balance to Nov. 1, 1908	$ 1,537 50

RESOURCES.

Cash in hand	$ 172 00
Pledges unpaid	1,400 00
Total	1,572 00

Respectfully,

J. H. WILSON, CHAIRMAN,
L. A. FOX,
CHARLES K. BELL,
L. G. M. MILLER.

The following was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT SYNODS.

Your committee beg to report that they find nothing in the Minutes requiring at this time the attention of this body. They show, however, development along many lines of Christian work. We note, with pleasure, the marked increase that has taken place in some of the synods in support of the ministry and beneficence.

M. O. J. KREPS,
W. A. DEATON,
W. P. HOUSEAL,
S. SIDNEY CASSELL.

The following report was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF VISITORS TO GENERAL BODIES.

We, your Committee to Nominate Official Visitors to other General Lutheran Bodies, recommend the following :

That Rev. J. E. Shenk be our official visitor to the next convention of the General Synod, and that President J. A. Morehead, D. D., be our official visitor to the next convention of the General Council.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HOLLAND,
J. E. COOPER,
A. L. BOLIEK.

The following was adopted :

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the pastor and members of the Church of the Ascension, in the spirit and manner of the entertainment of the delegates and visitors at this the eleventh convention of the United Synod, have our sincere thanks, and that we realize a special claim thus laid upon our hearts for our kindliest remembrance, our abiding good will, and

prayerful interest in their temporal and spiritual welfare ; and that this our testimonial of appreciation and fraternal benediction be publicly presented from the pulpit of the Church of the Ascension on tomorrow at the hour of morning worship.

The following was adopted :

REPORT ON DEACONESS WORK.

We, your committee on Pastor Weltner's paper, touching Deaconess Training, would report as follows :

We have heard with pleasure of the work of Pastor Weltner along this line, and would most heartily endorse the same.

We recommend the appointment of committee asked for by him, to take under advisement the whole work Deaconess Training by the United Synod, and report same at the next meeting of this body.

JAS. D. KINARD,
WALTER C. DAVIS.

The following committee was appointed under this action : Revs. W. J. Finck, W. P. Cline, J. D. Kinard.

The following was adopted :

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Owing to the fact that your committee was appointed at so late an hour, and not having the desired information in hand, they are unable to report upon the financial condition of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. WISE,
H. D. DERRICK,
J. L. WISMAN.

On motion, $5 ordered paid the sexton of this church from our treasury.

Minutes of today's sessions were read and approved, after which the Synod was formally closed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the eleventh convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, held in the Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., October 6-10, 1908.

S. T. HALLMAN, *Secretary*.

Spartanburg, S. C., Oct. 10, 1908.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Church of Ascension.—11 a. m., sermon by Rev. I. O. Baker; 8.15 p. m., sermon by Rev. J. E. Shenk. *Sunday-school.*—Addresses by Supt. J. T. Crabtree, Rev. E. C. Cronk, and Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

St. Paul's Church.—11 a. m., sermon by Rev. E. C. Cronk.

Bethel Church, Effingham.—Sermon by Rev. J. L. Derrick.

VISITING MINISTERS AND LAYMEN.

Revs. E. C. Weltner, L. G. M. Miller, D. D., J. B. Haigler, S. P. Koon, C. B. King, D. D., D. B. Groseclose, W. J. Finck, J. H. Harms, Edward Fulenwider, Y. V. A. Riser, B. W. Cronk, and Mr. J. M. Lichtenwanger.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

FROM JUNE 26, 1886, TO OCTOBER 10, 1908.

1. 1886, p. 54. *Delegates' Expenses:* That the District Synods are hereby requested to pay the necessary expenses of their respective delegates to this and succeeding conventions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

2. 1900, p. 101. *Theological Seminary Board Vacancies, How Filled:* That in the event of any vacancy in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary by death, resignation, removal from the territory of this Synod, or otherwise, such vacancy may be filled by the Board; and that the said Board shall be elected at every regular meeting of this body.

3. 1902, p. 76. *Accepts Charter of Board of Missions—Election of Board:* That this body accepts the charter granted by the Legislature of South Carolina to our Board of Missions and Church Extension; and that the members of said Board shall be elected by this body at each of its regular conventions, and should this United Synod fail at any such conventions to elect members of said Board, then the members last elected shall hold over and be empowered to act until their successors shall be elected by the United Synod.

Vacancies in, How Filled? (1904, p. 117): That if a vacancy occurs in the Board of Missions during the interim between meetings of the United Synod, the vacancy shall be filled by the President of the United Synod, upon the nomination of the officers of the district synod concerned.

Board, How Constituted, (1906, p. 46): That the Committee on Missions nominate the Board of Missions, and that the Board be constituted of one member from each district synod.

Several Funds of Board of Missions, (1906): That the Board of Missions and Church Extension be directed to maintain three funds, viz.: Foreign Mission Fund, Home Mission Fund, and Church Extension Fund, and that these funds be increased by said Board in harmony with the other actions of this body, and in response to the demands of the work.

4. 1904, p 90. *Revenue of Synod—How Raised:* That to provide funds for the necessary expenses of this body an annual assessment of one-half cent per capita be laid upon the district synods, beginning with this convention, and that such district synod is requested to forward to the Treasurer of this body its first annual assessment at or within three months after its annual convention.

5. 1904, page 118. *Offerings—How Appropriated:* That offerings hereafter made at the sessions of this Synod be appropriated as follows: On the occasion of the Educational address to the Theological Seminary; on the occasion of the Missionary address to the Mission Board of the United Synod; and that due announcement be made beforehand of these offerings.

6. 1906, p. 94. *Prayer for Theological Seminary:* That this Board recommend that the United Synod shall designate the Sunday which will be observed as Reformation Day as a day of special prayer in behalf of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

7. 1906, p. 96. *Official Visitors—Expenses to be Paid:* That the United Synod pay the expenses of its official visitors to the General Council and General Synod. That the President of this body be empowered to certify official visitors to the General Council and General Synod, whenever the principal and alternate are unable to attend.

8. 1906, p. 45. *Bible Distribution:* We recommend that, as tangible evidence of our interest, a collection be taken annually in our churches for the work.

9. 1906, p. 70. *Secretaries of District Synods:* 1. That the United Synod request the Secretaries of the District Synods to furnish biennially to this body a list of the missions under the care of their Synods with suitable statistics for incorporation in the Minutes of the United Synod. 2. That a statistical secretary be appointed who shall report to this body.

MINUTES

OF THE

SECOND CONVENTION

OF THE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

OF THE

UNITED SYNOD

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

FIRST SESSION.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Savannah, Ga., Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1908.

The Woman's Conference of the United Synod of the Lutheran church convened in St. Paul's Lutheran church, Savannah, Ga., October 7, 1908, at 10 a. m.

The opening note of the Convention was sounded by Mrs. C. E. Weltner in a devotional service "Looking Unto Jesus."

The Convention was formally opened according to the regular order, by the President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

A cordial welcome was extended to delegates and visitors by Mrs. J. C. Slater of St. Paul's church.

The President responded in behalf of the Convention.

Delegates were enrolled as follows :

ENROLLMENT.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Mrs. J. A. Thom	China Grove, N. C.
Mrs. G. D. Bernheim	Charlotte, N. C.
Mrs. J. E. Shenk	Concord, N. C.
Mrs. R. C. Holland	Charlotte, N. C.

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Mrs. D. A. Rudisill	Cherryville, N. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps . . . . . Prosperity, S. C.
Mrs. M. S. Habenicht . . . . . Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. C. E. Weltner . . . . . Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. C. A. Freed . . . . . Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. G. Y. Hunter . . . . . Prosperity, S. C.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher . . . . . Staunton, Va.
Mrs. W. H. Riser . . . . . Norfolk, Va.
Mrs. F. H. Chandler . . . . . Strasburg, Va.

SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Mrs. J. G. Bringman . . . . . Roanoke, Va.
Mrs. J. C. Peery . . . . . Lynchburg, Va.
Miss Margaret Greever . . . . . Burke's Garden, Va.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Mrs. Samuel Oppenheimer . . . . . Savannah, Ga.
Mrs. E. C. Cronk . . . . . Columbia, S. C.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer . . . . . Greeneville, Tenn.
Mrs. W. C. Davis . . . . . Greeneville, Tenn.

The President read her report, which was received and held for reference to the proper committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The two years which have elapsed since our first meeting in Dallas, N. C., have been memorable ones in the history of mission work in the United Synod. The facts are familiar to all of you. The immediate success of the campaign in behalf of the building fund for the Japan School; the sending out of Rev. L. S. G. Miller; the return to Japan of Dr. and Mrs. Lippard; the generous co-operation of the General Council in sending out Rev. Frisby D. Smith; and the return of Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Brown,—all indicate the steady growth of our foreign work—and moreover that these are but the initial steps to a wider expansion.

We are to have a larger share than ever before in carrying out our Lord's last command, but in the increased interest and inspiration which the thought arouses, we must not lose sight of the fact that we cannot share this work unless we put forth increased effort to sustain and uphold our Board of Missions. What part are the women of our Southern Lutheran church to have in this great onward movement?

As individuals, as members of our respective congregations, as members of our synodical societies, where such exist, and as members of this Conference, there is work for each and every one of us to do.

ORGANIZATION.

The organization of the Woman's Missionary Conference has undoubtedly given a fresh impetus to the growth of women's missionary societies. The societies in the synods of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Southwestern Virginia have gone steadily forward. In the Holston Synod a number of societies have been organized and a synodical organization effected. In one of the conferences of the Tennessee Synod the women's societies have been organized. In the Georgia Synod the plan of the congregational missionary society is being tried. There are women's missionary societies in a number of congregations in the Virginia Synod, but no synodical organization. We hope to have workers from all of the synods present at our meetings, for it is the aim of the Conference to be helpful to all of our women who are interested in the cause of missions.

WHY HAVE A WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Just what is the specific work of this Conference and what claim has it to exist among the organizations of the Church? The aim of the Conference should be two-fold, inspirational and practical. The scattered missionary workers throughout our synods need the strength, the renewed courage, the fresh impetus to work which comes from mutual co-operation and association. They need, too, such practical helps in their work as can best be provided for by a central organization. The biennial meetings of the Conference should be arranged with this twofold aim in view. They should be seasons of renewed consecration on the part of the members, and as far as the limited time allows, they should form a training school for our workers where the best methods of meeting the needs of our work should be discussed.

WORK OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

The greatest need of our work today is suitable equipment. To provide this we should have a strong Literature Committee with sufficient funds at its disposal to do the work without embarrassment. The committee as constituted at present, is not an efficient working force owing to the fact that its members are widely scattered, and that, having no funds at its disposal, nothing can be done without the authority of the synodical societies. The Week of Prayer envelopes have been issued each year, and the monthly programs for 1908 were published. The work on the programs involved endless correspondence with the delays incident to waiting for letters to be answered. The programs for 1909 have been arranged for and many of the studies

are ready, but owing to ill health, the chairman of this committee, Mrs. M. S. Evans, has not been able to complete the work, nor will she be able to do anything in the near future.

I recommend, therefore, that this committee be reorganized; that at least three of its members should live near enough to each other to consult frequently, and that the Chairman of the Literature Committee in each synodical society be considered an advisory member of this committtee. I further recommend that some adequate provision for funds be made for this committee.

The draft of a uniform constitution for women's societies has been prepared, and is ready to be submitted to this body. A similar constitution should be prepared for the children's societies. Some provision should be made also for the printing of our Minutes.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

The present arrangement by which we are indebted to the courtesy of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* for the space in the paper devoted to our work, is not satisfactory to the editor of the *Visitor* or to the editor of the Department, nor is there sufficient interest taken in the work by the societies generally. The burden of the department falls heavily on the shoulders of our faithful editor-in-chief. Can we make any better arrangement? In order that we may give the subject the consideration it deserves, I recommend that a committee be appointed to confer with the editor of the *Visitor* as to the department and also to investigate the cost of publishing a separate monthly sheet.

The necessary expenses connected with the department for stationery, cuts, etc., have been paid for heretofore by the South Carolina Society. This expense should be shared by all of the societies alike.

OUR SPECIAL OFFERING.

If the Woman's Missionary Conference is to be continued as representing the women of the whole United Synod, it is necessary to have some bond of union—some common work in which our hearts and hands may unite without regard to differences of opinion. Such a work has been carried on during the past four years under the name of the $20,000 Fund or the Woman's Forward Movement. Fifty shares in the Japan School, representing $5,000, have been paid for, and a like amount has been expended in the different synods for home missions. The law of growth which applies to missionary work as well as to every other form of life and activity, demands that there shall be no standing still. If we attempt to stand still or to go backwards decay inevitably begins. We must go forward if we are to keep alive, and we should be loth to let go of this movement for all of our women. What special object shall be made the beneficiary of our contributions during the next biennium? There are two pressing needs in connec-

tion with our Japan mission today: A kindergarten building and a home for our missionaries. The Board of Missions are not in a position to undertake either unless some special effort is made to provide the necessary funds. Our young women have bravely undertaken the former, and wherever possible we should give them aid and encouragement. As a specific work for the women of the United Synod for the next two years, however, I recommend that we undertake to raise at least $3,000 to be turned over to the Board of Missions for the erection of a suitable home for our missionaries. This is a cause which should appeal to every woman's heart. Our own homes absorb so large a share of our energies and affections that we can easily sympathize with the wives of our missionaries in their difficult household problems in a foreign country. The Japanese house is not suited to the needs of a foreigner, and it is therefore necessary that suitable houses be built for our missionaries. We have such a home at Kumamoto, but at none of the other stations.

The General Literature Committee have had prepared a special thank offering-box for free distribution, the contents of which are to be used for this special offering. In some of the synodical societies this offering is to be divided as heretofore between home and foreign missions. Where there is no such claim upon the fund, I suggest that the whole of it be given to the home in Japan. I recommend, too, that a special Thankoffering secretary be appointed to have the general oversight of this fund, to do the necessary correspondence, to prepare a suitable leaflet to be sent out with the boxes and to endeavor in every way to see that the boxes are properly distributed.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

During the past few years, a number of our bright young women have felt called to dedicate their lives to the service of Christ and His Church in foreign lands. When the work in Japan is ready for these consecrated workers, it will be our privilege to see that they are properly trained and supported. Two of them have already entered upon a course of training while doing home mission work in the Columbia Mill District. Their support has been undertaken by individual congregations for the present, but we should already begin to lay plans for the future, so that when the Church through the Board of Missions calls for our young women to go forth bearing precious seed that they shall go properly equipped and assured of the aid and sympathy of their sisters at home.

And now, dear sisters, the opportunities for service seem boundless. What will you do with them? Let me beg of you in conclusion to consider these words of Pastor Bergstresser: If you hold your culture, your success, your gold for yourself alone, it will by and by grow

worthless in your hand and rot. Only eternal truth and character abide, and if you do not build your life into these things, you are utterly false to yourself. It is not of the slightest importance whether you are rich or poor. One thing is important,—that you fill your life with service, for man's sake and God's sake, and that you go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

MRS. WYTHE F. MOREHEAD.

Mrs. J. A. B. Scherer, Reporting Treasurer, submitted the following report, which was received and ordered published in Minutes:

TOTAL OFFERINGS FROM WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S SOCIETIES FOR THE BIENNIUM 1906-1908.

North Carolina, from report 1907	$3 210 48
North Carolina, from report 1908	2 845 91
South Carolina, from report 1906	2 506 38
South Carolina, from report 1907	3 405 13
Southwestern Virginia, from reports 1907-8	2 475 52
Other offerings reported from 1906-1908	409 56
Total	$14 852 98

An omen of what we may do when we bring "all the tithes into the storehouse."

FORWARD MOVEMENT REPORT.

September, 1908.

South Carolina Society, to June, 1908	$4 172 96
North Carolina Society, to August, 1908	3 040 96
Southwestern Virginia Society, to August, 1908	1 255 45
Virginia, to December, 1907	1 200 30
Virginia, gifts of 1908	156 53
Tennessee Synod, to December, 1907	728 07
Georgia Synod, to December, 1907	344 20
Holston Synod, to December, 1907	59 98
Mississippi Synod, to December, 1907	44 00
General gifts	53 20

PARALLEL GIFTS.

Japan Mission School, to December, 1907	2 838 00
Lutheran Mission League, to December, 1907	1 353 00
Total	$15 246 65

This is an underestimate of our offerings, but it is surely an incentive to go forward until our $20,000 Forward Movement is completed.

The completed whole will be an incentive to "goals yet grander" which "wait our winning."

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. A. B. SCHERER.

The following committee was appointed to nominate officers: Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Mrs. R. C. Holland, Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer.

Officers nominated and elected were:

OFFICERS.

President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.
1st Vice-President, Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher.
2d Vice-President, Mrs. R. A. Yoder.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Cronk.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. G. Bringman.
Reporting Treasurer, Miss Amelia Habenicht.

The President appointed the following committees:

On President's Report.—Mrs. R. C. Holland, Mrs. M. S. Habenicht, Mrs. J. G. Bringman.

On Resolutions.—Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer, Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher.

The topic of Co-operation: In Literature, Missionary Department, Tidings, Tracts, Pledge Cards, Offering Boxes, Monthly Programs, was discussed.

Convention adjourned with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 3.30 P. M.

The session was opened with prayer, led by Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.

A hymn service was conducted by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

The President of the Board of Missions presented the work of the Board, dwelling especially on the pressing need of a kindergarten building at Saga, Japan. After full discussion, a motion was unanimously carried to cable Rev.

and Mrs. C. K. Lippard, missionaries in charge of the work, that funds would be provided for the building.

At the request of the Convention, Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., President of the United Synod, spoke on the relationship which should exist between this Conference and the United Synod.

Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, addressed the Convention on our Publication Interests.

The topic of Missions in the Sunday-school was discussed.

The session was adjourned with prayer, led by Rev. C. A. Freed.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9.30 A. M.

The Conference began its session with a devotional service, conducted by Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer.

The President appointed as Committee on Extension: Mrs. L. A. Fox, Mrs. H. A. McCullough, Miss Ellen Hendrix, Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher, Mrs. W. C. Davis, Mrs. Laura Beaver.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference, representing the woman's missionary societies of the United Synod of the South, does hereby give official assurance to the United Synod that these societies in all their plans and purposes desire to conform strictly to the will of the United Synod and to co-operate most heartily in all work of the Church conducted through the regular channels; and that in every specific undertaking of more than incidental importance they particularly desire the advice and approval of the Mission Board.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That this Conference endorse the plan of the President of the Mission Board to direct the special foreign mission offerings of the children of the United Synod to the support of a missionary in Japan, to be known as the children's missionary.

Resolved, 2. That the General Literature Committee be authorized to prepare boxes for a special thank-offering to gather funds for the support of the children's missionary.

The Committee on President's Report submitted the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The President presents a very interesting report which we find eminently worthy to be printed in full in our Minutes, and we so recommend.

We rejoice with her in the record made during the first two years of the existence of this Woman's Missionary Conference, and that we have been enabled to co-operate with the Board of Missions in its efforts to extend the kingdom of our blessed Lord and Saviour.

In regard to the recommendations, contained in the report, we submit for your adoption the following:

As to the reorganization of the Literature Committee: We appreciate heartily the efficient work of this committee, and we assure the chairman Mrs. M. S. Evans of our deep sympathy in her recent illness, and hope she may soon be restored to health.

We recommend:

1. That the President appoint a committee with three members centrally located, and with the chairmen of Literature Committees of the Synodical Societies as advisory members.

2. We also recommend that the several synodical societies give their proportionate part of funds needed by this committee to effectually carry on this work, and that this action be communicated to the synodical bodies through their respective delegates as early as possible.

3. That the constitution, prepared for auxiliary societies, be considered at this conference with a view to its adoption. We also hope for a uniform constitution for children's societies.

4. We recommend further that the United Synod consenting, the Minutes of this our second convention be prepared for publication as a supplement in the Minutes of the United Synod, and that for the courtesy granted us two years ago, we express our sincere thanks.

5. We recommend that it being found agreeable to the editor of *The Lutheran Church Visitor* the Woman's Department be continued as heretofore under direction of our present editor in chief, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, for whose valuable services we feel truly thankful, and that the other synodical societies be requested to share with the South Carolina society the expenses incident to Mrs. Kreps' editorial work,

and that we call upon the presidents of these several synodical societies to co-operate with Mrs. Kreps and her associate editors in furnishing such items of interest in the Woman's Works under their jurisdiction as may be needed to make this department a valuable medium of communication and helpful information.

6. We do heartily endorse the work undertaken by our young women to raise funds for the kindergarten building in Saga, and in view of the pressing need we urge them to push said work to an early completion.

7. We recommend the adoption of our President's suggestion with respect to the raising through thank-offering boxes, the required amount for our missionary home in Japan.

8. With respect to "Our Volunteers," we unite with our President in expressing gratification that the Spirit of Missions has assumed such practical form in our midst, and it is our earnest hope and prayer that opportunities, both in the home and the foreign field, may be providentially made at an early date for the service in our Church for these consecrated young women. We have firm faith that in God's chosen time and way He will make plain the path of duty to those who lay themselves upon the altar of devotion to His service, and we therefore recommend that we declare ourselves ready to cooperate with the work of the Board of Missions, in regard to them.

The report was received and considered by item, and adopted.

The following visitors were made advisory members: Mrs. S. S. Cassell, Rural Retreat, Va.; Miss Amelia Habenicht, Columbia, S. C.; Miss Lula Habenicht, Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. M. M. Kinard, Salisbury, N. C.; Mrs. J. C. Seegers, Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. V. C. Ridenhour, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. Y. von A. Riser, Rincon, Ga.; Mrs. M. J. Epting, Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. Alice Gnann, Stillwell, Ga.

The following recommendation was adopted: That the Woman's Missionary Society in each congregation be asked to take under its care and guidance the children's society of that congregation, and that a manager of same be appointed by the President of the Woman's Society who shall supervise the arrangement of monthly programs, provide literature, and arrange joint meetings and perfect plans for the proper development and training of the children.

A form of constitution, to be recommended to the women's missionary societies in the United Synod, was read and adopted.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 3 P. M.

Session was opened with hymn.

The committee to nominate associate editors of the Woman's Department reported the following nominations: Mrs. R. C. Holland, Miss Ida Greever, Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher, Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer.

The report was adopted.

The cradle roll work and its comparative value to the Sunday-school and the missionary society was discussed.

The Committee on Letters read a letter from Misses Simpson and Bowers; and a report from Mrs. J. A. B. Scherer, delegate to General Synod Convention.

A resolution to send greeting to these workers, who could not be present, was adopted

A paper on Mission Study, prepared by Mrs. Charles L. Fry, of Catasauqua, Pa., was read by Miss Margaret Greever.

The Secretary was instructed to express to Mrs. Fry the appreciation of the Conference.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That we express by a rising vote our sincere appreciation of the cordial hospitality of the Christian people of Savannah and of St. Paul's congregation, who have thrown wide open the doors of their hearts and homes to welcome us into their midst.

Resolved, 2. That we thank Rev. E. C. Cronk very gratefully for the splendid missionary exhibit which contributes so much helpful interest to our work throughout our various synods.

Resolved, 3. That our heartfelt appreciation be tendered to the editors of our *Lutheran Church Visitor* for the space given our Woman's Department.

Resolved, 4. That the thanks of this body are due and are most heartily extended to the *Morning News* and the *Savannah Press* for so many courtesies to us.

MRS. W. C. SCHAEFFER,
MRS. A. D. R. HANCHER.

Report was adopted.

The President was authorized to appoint a representative on the Cooperative Board of Woman's Missionary Societies. Mrs. R. C. Holland was appointed.

The President made the following appointments :

General Literature Committee—Mrs. Kate Eargle, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. W. G. Allworden.

Special Thankoffering Secretary—Miss Amelia Habenicht.

The time and place of next meeting was left to the Executive Committee, pending the action of the United Synod.

The Conference was closed with a consecration service, conducted by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

MRS. E. C. CRONK,
SECRETARY.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Number	MISSIONS	Established	LOCATION	PASTOR	Church Membership	S. S. Members	Churches	Parsonages	Value Church Property	APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPORT. By United Synod	By District Synod	Total
1	Woman's Memorial	1907	High Point, N. C	J. L. Morgan	41	37	lot	.	$ 1875 00			
2	Greensboro	1907	Greensboro, N. C		.	.	.	.	. . . .			
3	Mooresville	1907	Mooresville, N. C		.	.	lot	.	800 00	. . .	$1000 00	$1000 00
4	Landis	1907	Landis, N. C		.	.	lot	.	250 00			
5	Kanapolis	1907	Kanapolis, N. C	W. B. Aull	.	.	lot	.	300 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .
6	Haven	1899	Salisbury, N. C	C. I. Morgan	122	160	ch	p	3200 00	. . .	240 00	240 00
7	Christ Church	1870	Spencer, N. C	Vacant	58	73	ch	p	4500 00			
8	Calvary	1905	Spencer, N. C		34	53	lot	.	1600 00	. . .	240 00	240 00
9	First Church	1905	Lexington N. C	Vacant	73	151	ch	p	13600 00	. . .	300 00	300 00
10	St. Andrew's	1893	Concord, N. C	Vacant	126	.	ch	p	5000 00			
11	Mt. Hermon	1881	Cabarrus County, N. C		74	43	ch	.	800 00	. . .	75 00	75 00
12	Lebanon	1893	Barber's, N. C		59	53	ch	p	2500 00			
13	Providence	1871	Mocksville, N. C	T. C. Parker	38	.	ch	.	2045 00			
14	St. Matthew's	1847	Mocksville, N. C		46	25	ch		2400 00	. . .	120 00	120 00
15	Nazareth	1785	Rural Hall, N. C		101	88	ch	p	1800 00			
16	Bethany	1889	Stokes County, N. C	J. W. Strickler	30	42	ch	.	800 00			
17	Shiloh	. .	Forsythe County, N. C		55	.	ch	.	1000 00	. . .	210 00	210 00
	17 Missions		8 Pastorates	5 Pastors	899	725	11	6	$42470 00		$2185 00	$2185 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

1	Woman's Memorial	1902	Spartanburg, S. C	S. T. Hallman	50	25	ch	.	$12000 00			
2	Greenwood	1902	Greenwood, S. C		16	27	lot	.	. . . .	120 00	$ 500 00	$ 620 00
3	St. James	. .	Leesville, S. C	D. B. Groseclose	55	53	ch	.	4500 00	. . .	120 00	120 00
4	St. Luke	. .	Florence, S. C	J. L. Yonce	27	25	ch	.	5000 00	. . .	150 00	150 00
5	St. Luke	. .	Columbia, S. C	C. E. Weltner	40	89	ch	p	4000 00	$200 00	500 00	700 00
6	Trinity	. .	Saluda County, S. C	N. D. Bodie	77	55	ch	p	1000 00			
7	Mt. Pleasant	. .	Saluda County, S. C		29	67	ch	p	3000 00	. . .	200 00	200 00
8	St. James	. .	Graniteville, S. C	Vacant	77	80	ch	p	2250 00	. . .	300 00	300 00
9	Orange Chapel	. .	Springfield, S. C	J. Austin	33	16	ch	.	2000 00	. . .	25 00	25 00
10	Mayer Memorial	. .	Newberry, S. C	J. D. Shealey	90	45	ch	.	1500 00	. . .	180 00	180 00
	10 Missions	. .	8 Pastorates	7 Pastors	493	482	9	3	$35250 00	$320 00	$1975 00	$2295 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Number	MISSIONS	Established	LOCATION	PASTOR	Church Members	S. S Members	Churches	Parsonages	Value Church Property	APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPORT. By United Synod	By District Synod	Total
1	St. John	1887	Statesville, N C	W. A. Lutz	54	87	ch .		$ 1500 00	. . .	$ 250 00	$ 250 00
2	Gastonia	1898	Gastonia, N. C	John Hall	62	56	ch	p	8750 00	. .	150 00	150 00
3	Bessemer City	1904	Bessemer, N. C		56	58	ch	.	1800 00			
4	Gap Creek	1897	Watauga County, N. C		13	.	.	.	. . . .			
5	Mt. Pleasant	. .	Watauga County, N. C		67	39	ch	.	1300 00			
6	Mt. Zion	1896	Watauga County, N. C	H. A. Kistler	24	34	ch	.	775 00	. . .	200 00	200 00
7	Holy Communion	. .	Watauga County, N. C		43	28	ch	.	. . . .			
8	Blowing Rock	1904	Watauga County, N. C		19	.	.	p	. . . .			
9	Morning Star	. .	Monroe, N. C	R. H. Cline	40	.	.	.	. . . .			
10	St. Luke	. .	Monroe, N. C		24	.	.	.	. . . .	. . .	250 00	250 co
11	Emmanuel	. .	Davidson County, N. C	A. L. Boliek	73	.	ch	.	600 00	. . .	. . .	. . . .
12	Lenoir	1908	Lenoir, N. C	W. A Deaton	50	.	.	.	. . . .	. . .	800 00	800 00
13	West Hickory	1908	Hickory, N. C		40	120	.	.	. . . .			
14	St. Martin	. .	Cabarrus County, N. C	H. L. Seagle	30	.	ch	.	1000 00	. . .	100 00	100 00
15	Mt. Gilead	. .	Cabarrus County. N. C		30	46	ch	.	550 co			
	15 Missions		7 Pastorates	7 Pastors	625	468	9	2	$16275 00	. .	$1750 00	$1750 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF THE TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1	Bethel	. .	Manassas, Va	J. K. Efird	67	60	ch	p	$ 5500 00	. . .	$ 315 00	$ 315 00
2	Trinity	. .	Manassas, Va		25	41	ch	.	700 00			
	2 Missions	. .	1 Pastorate	1 Pastor	92	101	2	1	$ 6200 00	. . .	$ 315 00	$315 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE GEORGIA SYNOD.

1	St. James	. .	Brunswick, Ga	S. L. Nease	35	30	lot	.	$ 2000 00	. . .	$1000 00	$1000 00
2	St. Paul	. .	Fitzgerald, Ga		13	.	lot	.	. . . .			
3	Rome	. .	Rome, Ga	J. S. Elmore	.	.	.	.	. . . .	. . .	200 co	200 00
4	Macon	. .	Macon, Ga		.	.	.	.	. . . .			
5	Church of the Redeemer	. .	Atlanta, Ga	W. C. Schaeffer, Jr	180	151	ch	p	28000 00	$500 00	500 00	1000 00
	5 Missions	. .	3 Pastorates	3 Pastors	228	181	1	1	$30000 00	$500 00	$1700 00	$2200 00

MOME MISSIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

1	Goodman	. .	Goodman, Miss	J. L. Derrick	75	50	ch	.	$ 3500 00	$180 00	. . . .	$ 180 00
	1 Mission	. .	1 Pastorate	1 Pastor	75	50	1	.	$ 3500 00	$180 00	. . . .	$ 180 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Number	MISSIONS	Established	LOCATION	PASTOR	Church Members	S. S. Members	Churches	Parsonages	Value Church Property	APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPORT. By United Synod	By District Synod	Total
1	Woman's Memorial	1888	Pulaski, Va	Geo. H. Rhodes	68	130	ch .		$ 6000 00	175 00	. . . .	$ 175 00
2	Christ Church	1891	Radford, Va		20	.	lot .		300 00			
3	Immanuel	1889	Bluefield, Va	C. R. W. Kegley	43	28	lot .		7500 00	500 00	. . . .	500 00
4	Wartburg	1889	Graham, Va		65	46	ch .		3500 00			
5	Holy Trinity	1903	Lynchburg, Va	J. C. Peery	65	44	ch	p	9000 00	. . .	$ 600 00	$ 600 00
6	Church of the Redeemer	1903	Bristol, Tenn	K. Y. Umberger	68	65	ch	.	10500 00	250 00	170 00	420 00
7	St. Mark's	1903	Keystone	Vacant	.	.	.	.	. . . . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . .
	7 Missions		5 Pastorates	4 Pastors	329	313	4	1	$36800 00	$925 00	$ 770 00	$1695 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE HOLSTON SYNOD.

1	Greeneville Mission		Greeneville, Tenn	W. C. Schaeffer, Sr	27	32	ch .		$ 2500 00	$225 00	$ 300 00	$ 525 00
2	Holy Trinity		Morristown, Tenn		38	40	ch .		3000 00	225 00		225 00
	2 Missions		1 Pastorate	1 Pastor	75	72	2	.	$ 5500 00	$450 00	$ 300 00	$ 750 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE VIRGINIA SYNOD.

1	St. Peter's		Wardensville, Va	P. J. Wade	173	135	ch p		5700 00	. . .	$ 150 00	150 00
2	Hebron		Wardensville, Va				ch .					
3	Fairview		Wardensville, Va				ch .					
4	Trout Run		Wardensville, Va				ch .					
5	Muhlenberg		Harrisonburg, Va	G. E. Shuey	79	75	ch .		6370 00	. .	275 00	275 00
6	St. Peter's		Churchville, Va	W. W. J. Ritchie	47	75	ch p		2000 00	. . .	125 00	125 00
7	Pleasant View		Churchville, Va		82	92	ch .		1000 00	. . .	150 00	150 00
8	Trinity		Buena Vista, Va	J. G. Graichen	98	66	ch p		9500 00	. . .	150 00	150 00
9	Grace		Waynesboro		98	66	ch p		9500 00	. . .	150 00	150 00
10	Frieden		Rockingham, Va	Vacant	67	134	ch p		2000 00	. . .	100 00	100 00
11	St. John		Rockingham, Va		59	71	ch .		2500 00			
12	Trinity		Rockingham, Va		20	.	ch .		900 00			
13	Portsmouth	1908	Portsmouth, Va	J. W. Shuey	.	.	.	.	. . . . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . .
	13 Missions		6 Pastorates	5 Pastors	723	714	12	5	$39470 00	. . .	$ 950 00	$ 950 00

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL THE SYNODS COMPOSING THE UNITED SYNOD.

72 Missions	.	40 Pastorates	34 Pastors	3534	3106	51	19	$188465 00	2375 00	$9945 00	12320 00

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS UNITED SYNOD—1908.

Index Number	SYNODS	Organized	PAROCHIAL																		
			Churches	Stations	Prayer Meetings	Students for Ministry	Catechumens	LOSSES			ACCESSIONS					Communicant Members	Confirmed Members	Baptized Members	FINANCES		
								Death	Certificate	Other Losses	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations	Certificate	Restoration				Estimated Value Church Property	Indebtedness	Local Expenses for All Objects
1	North Carolina	1803	65	5	10	14	650	104	274	128	353	29	349	315	1	7857	8996	11521	$ 304395	$ 15680 00	$ 43845 55
2	Tennessee	1820	120	.	.	4	1680	243	210	212	589	. .	518	236	15	10850	10850	6033	388170	. . . . .	29288 66
3	South Carolina	1824	77	.	15	7	522	188	140	62	472	41	383	198	3	10303	10303	12500	356314	437 00	42895 30
4	Virginia	1829	50	10	.	8	281	88	102	90	190	87	155	95	17	6069	6069	6522	302570	6735 24	27812 67
5	Southwestern Virginia	1842	65	20	.	6	303	48	46	53	162	71	140	109	1	4818	4818	5140	218825	13604 00	17205 16
6	Mississippi	1855	14	.	.	.	42	2	9	58	18	31	16	19	.	815	815	833	6550	. . . . .	31 62
7	Georgia	1860	24	.	7	.	98	49	75	1	144	33	101	144	.	3327	3327	3644	249600	12668 00	20789 34
8	Holston	1861	25	.	.	2	88	21	20	66	74	23	95	34	31	1650	1650	2340	45480	. . . . .	2380 37
	Total	. .	440	35	32	41	3664	743	876	670	2002	315	1757	1150	68	45689	46738	48533	$1871904	$ 49124 24	$184248 67

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS UNITED SYNOD—1908—CONCLUDED.

Index Number	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS						Y. P. SOCIETIES			BENEVOLENCE															
	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Contributions			Number of Members, including Juniors	Contributions		Synodical Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Theological Seminary and College	Ministerial Education	Woman's Missionary Society	Pastors' Fund	Orphan Home	Aid Societies	External Objects	Total Benevolence	Grand Total
				For Support of Schools and Local Objects	Beneficence			For Local Objects	Beneficence													
1	55	688	6473	$ 2658 75	$1112 40	2816	. . . .	$4379 68	$ 923 40	$1375 30	$ 441 20	$ 121 35	$ 143 75	$ 533 55	$2203 65	$ 57 85	$ 618 45	. . . .	$2316 45	$ 14227 03	$ 58072 58
2	94	734	6278	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	3411 35	452 02	576 43	. . . .	10568 61	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	1807 12	. . . .	2637 24	16815 43	46370 33
3	70	699	5128	2110 30	987 39	493	$ 210 39	405 00	848 12	941 14	589 70	821 00	2303 05	427 70	2257 32	51 65	1201 00	$2411 28	. . . .	43144 22	60249 00
4	55	631	4398	2341 02	1143 84	40	2300 48	. . . .	352 65	1759 39	3173 63	23 35	2977 20	192 74	447 62	244 14	819 41	2155 31	107 14	32531 17	42364 92
5	45	504	2205	1115 95	312 01	1080	316 20	1044 76	139 92	1098 45	456 01	7 00	94 23	86 01	1044 76	74 68	653 31	. . . .	. . . .	5805 75	23198 52
6	8	40	288	. . . .	. . . .	. .	. . . .	. . . .	87 27	76 90	120 99	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	28 95	. . . .	46 12	354 23	385 85
7	16	239	1731	2025 63	601 82	1534	1382 58	1156 85	640 82	1078 64	339 79	459 00	70 98	. . . .	618 53	. . .	497 98	. . . .	. . . .	6641 01	30810 66
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Time and Place of Next Meeting

Time—Tuesday after the Second Sunday in November, 1912, at 8 p. m.

Place—Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.

MINUTES
OF THE
TWELFTH CONVENTION
OF THE
UNITED SYNOD
OF THE
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South convened in the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Richmond, Va., on Tuesday, September 6, 1910, at 8 o'clock p. m., and began the exercises of the Twelfth regular session.

The preparatory service was conducted by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., the altar service by Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., and the synodical sermon was preached by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., President of Synod, from John 9: 4.

The holy communion was administered to the members of the Synod, and the congregation. The closing service was led by Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., with the benediction by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1910, 9 A. M.

The Synod assembled and devotional services were conducted by Rev. T. W. Shealy. The President then formally opened the Synod, and the clerical and lay delegates were enrolled.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., H. A. McCullough, V. Y. Boozer, Geo. H. Cox, D. D., W. A. Snyder, A. G. Voigt, D. D., R. C. Holland, D. D., B. S. Brown, and J. E. Shenk.

Lay.—Messrs. Jno. S. Efird (a), Geo. F. McAllister (a), M. G. M. Fisher, C. M. Thompson, B. L. Umberger (a), B. B. Miller (a), W. F. Snider (a), J. H. Rehder (a), Jas. P. Cook.

(a)—Absent.

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Clerical.—Revs. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., C. A. Freed, S. T. Hallman, D. D., C. Armand Miller, D. D., M. O. J. Kreps, W. H. Greever, D. D., J. H. Harms, D. D., C. E. Weltner, D. D., Jas. D. Kinard, S. P. Koon, W. P. Cline, and Z. W. Bedenbaugh.

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Clerical.—Revs. L. A. Fox, D. D., T. O. Keister, D. D., W. R. Brown, Paul Sieg, and John C. Peery.

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GEORGIA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. T. W. Shealy, M. J. Epting, D. D., J. H. Wilson, D. D., and S. S. Rahn, D. D.

Lay.—Messrs. A. G. Johnson, J. M. Gnann (a), Jacob Paulsen (a), and C. H. Stieglitz.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. W. C. Davis, and V. C. Ridenhour (a).
Lay.—Messrs. D. N. Akard, and J. M. Kinzer (a).

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

Clerical.—Rev. J. R. Howorth.
Lay.—Mr. Geo. T. Derrick (a).

The President then read his report, which was received and referred to the Committee on President's Report.

Report of President.

Dear Brethren in Christ: At the beginning of another convention of the United Synod it is as well to look backward as forward, but also forward and not only backward. Sober, self-criticism is not only more becoming, but more useful than self-complacency. A report on the state of the Church in one of our district synods contained this judicious reflection: "There is and must be a holy discontent among us. The note of pessimism is the sign of the Spirit's work." I would prefer to say, the note of insufficiency. Verily we have nothing extraordinary to boast of. But a review of the work of the past biennium shows some progress in every direction. There is a slow increase of our membership. Our mission work, both Home and Foreign, indicates an enlargement of our field at home and abroad. Our Orphan Home is providing for more children than ever. Our Publication enterprise is progressing with rapid strides. The plan to remove the Theological Seminary and to house it in larger and more suitable buildings is about to be realized. Our Colleges are enjoying unprecedented prosperity. The operations of our District Synods are, in general, characterized by aggressiveness and progress. In short, we have manifold reasons to thank God for His blessing upon the efforts of our churches. We still live and the pulse of our life is not weak. Some things have been accomplished for the kingdom of God. Our life is not a languishing life destitute of vigor and of the power of the Holy Spirit. The faith of Christ abides among us and the banner of the cross is still uplifted by many loyal and true hands. We are but a small part of the great Church of the Redeemer, and only a small part of that part denominated from the great Reformer, but we are still striving to get more ready and better equipped to preserve the gospel for those who come after

us and to extend it to those ignorant of its saving power. With devout and confident hearts we are still able to say: "Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion; and unto Thee shall the vow be performed."

Our numerical increase is slow, and it can not be expected to be otherwise in the conditions that exist. Immigration helps us comparatively little. Our work at home consists chiefly in holding the natural increase of our present membership. And this is made difficult and expensive for us by the shifting of population in our territory, and impossible where there is a constant outflow of population. Nowhere in our territory is there a large number of people of Lutheran antecedents, which our synods do not reach or at least reach out to. In proportion to the material which we have to work on, the United Synod is caring for what naturally comes to its care as well as any part of the Lutheran Church anywhere.

We have reason to rejoice in the unbroken adherence of our pastors and churches to the principles on which the United Synod is founded. In our zeal for practical activity we should never forget that this body exists not only for cooperation in work, but also for mutual strengthening in a true Christian faith and confession. The times are adverse to a strong, distinctive Christian faith and a clear and sharply defined confession of it. A flood of doubt and uncertainty in regard to the fundamentals of Christian belief is sweeping over Christendom. We rejoice that its streams have not invaded our churches and pulpits. To be firm in the faith and fervent in piety is still the aspiration of the United Synod. We have received a doctrinal inheritance from the Reformation and an inheritance of devotional spirit from the age of Pietism, and it is and should be our endeavor to preserve both.

The temptation to enter upon a rapid survey of the various branches of our activity is difficult to resist. But it would not be proper for this report to forestall the reports of the respective boards and committees charged with these operations. Therefore avoiding all discussions of detail, I confine myself to a few general remarks.

First, I would remark that the difficult problems which confront us in every part of our common work are not a discouragement, but rather an encouragement. They are proof that we are alive and doing something. The dead have no problems, and the idle no serious problems. The perplexities about how we shall meet the demands grow out of the work which causes the demands. As long as we are in earnest we shall never get done

with difficult and growing problems. Therefore, while the note of insufficiency may be heard in our deliberations, let the note of despondency be absent. We have every reason to take courage from our problems.

Further, I take the liberty of suggesting that in the prosecution of our work we should be guided by a sense of proportion. Every branch of our work is important, but always in relation to other branches. While we do one thing, we must not leave the other undone. We must preserve system in our beneficence. All the larger operations in the different departments of our activity ought to be planned and approved by this body, and the various boards and committees instructed accordingly. Am I mistaken when I say there is a danger of bringing different causes into conflict, and if the contrast of the one to the other developing into a virtual opposition? Indeed, it appears to me that it would be helpful to our work, if we had an apportionment committee, which would take into consideration all the needs, as reported by various boards and committees, and recommend what amount shall be apportioned for each object and what sums shall be raised by extraordinary efforts.

In my report to the last convention I recommended that steps be taken to secure an adequate revenue for our synodical treasury. It was not practical to do anything in this matter at that convention. That the state of our treasury has grown worse since then the report of the treasurer will show. I therefore recommend that special attention be given to devising ways and means to secure adequate revenue and to liquidate our indebtedness.

At its last convention the United Synod wished the Laymen's Movement God-speed. I think this convention should go further than that. The Lutheran Laymen's Missionary Movement ought to be officially recognized. While it is voluntary, it ought not to be regarded merely as a private undertaking, but as one of the lines in which the United Synod is doing its work. A report of its organization, methods and operations ought to be received by us and embodied in our minutes. I have been informed that the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Movement would bring to this convention a report of its present status. I have no doubt that it will be your pleasure to receive this report and to incorporate it in our minutes.

On August 12th there was sent to me a letter by the Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D. D., Secretary of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, calling

attention to certain action of that body at its last convention at Richmond, Ind., in regard to practical cooperation and fraternal conference with other Lutheran bodies. For some time we have allowed the appointment of a committee on cooperation with other Lutheran bodies to lapse, doubtless because there was nothing special demanding the attention of such a committee. I recommend that we take note of the action of the General Synod, reappoint a committee on Fraternal Cooperation, and instruct it in regard to the terms of cooperation with other Lutheran bodies acceptable to the United Synod.

On June 20th, 1909, I received from the Rev. A. S. Nielsen, secretary of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a copy of a resolution of thanks of that body to the United Synod for friendly offices in Japan. The letter was forwarded by me to Rev. Dr. R. C. Holland, president of the Board of Foreign Missions.

It gives me special pleasure to refer to two notable acts of benevolence for the furtherance of the work of our Church. On June 19th, 1909, Mrs. S. C. Swigert, of Forest, Miss., donated the sum of $2,000 to the United Synod, the proceeds of which are to be used to aid students for the ministry. On October 18th, 1909, Mrs. Kate E. Drafts, of Eastover, S. C., donated $5,000 to the United Synod to be applied to the permanent endowment fund of the Theological Seminary. Mrs. Drafts made the donation in memory of her husband, George Michael Drafts, who was a member of the Lutheran Church. May these examples of beneficence move others to consider the claims of the Lord's work upon them and their means!

A number of years ago the United Synod, through its committee on Common Book of Worship, had the text of Luther's Catechism, as approved by the joint committee, printed. There was not much sale for the booklets and the stock remained with the printers, Henkel & Company, New Market, Va. On June 27th, 1910, that firm mailed a letter to me, offering to take the stock of these catechisms for $28.97, this amount to be credited to the account of the United Synod with that firm. Without hesitation I acceped this liberal offer, and I now ask for your approval of my action.

It was my intention to present a review of all the chief branches of the work of the United Synod. At my request the heads of various departments kindly furnished me brief statements of the present status of our operations. But further reflection made me see that it would extend this report to undue length to embody in it even a summary view of our diverse

activities. The pervading note of all the letters I received was this: We have accomplished something, but we must do better.

As I conclude this report the time has come for me to return to you the honorable trust you have committed to me in making me your presiding officer. I do so with sincere thanks. During my incumbency I have always felt the high honor I enjoyed more than the labor that fell to me. Indeed, I ought not to speak of that as labor, which was done with such hearty support and considerate indulgence and patience, as I have ever received from the members of the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT.

The order of daily sessions, for today and tomorrow, was fixed at from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

The order for the election of officers was now taken up, and the following were elected:

OFFICERS.

Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D., President.
Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., Vice-President.
Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., Secretary.
Mr. J. E. Cooper, Treasurer.
Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D. D., Statistical Secretary.

On request of the Secretary, Mr. Chas. H. Stieglitz was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The reading of the Rules of Order, as provided for in the By-Laws, was, on motion, dispensed with.

Rev. Alfred Ramsey, D. D., the official representative of the General Council; Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D. D., official Secretary of the General Synod; Rev. Wm. L. Hunton, Ph.D., Literary Secretary of the Board of Publication of the General Council; Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, missionary of the United Synod to Japan; Rev. Edward Brekhus, of the Norwegian United Synod, and Rev. J. O. Glenn, visiting minister of the General Council, were received as advisory members. Other visiting ministers, on presenting names to the Secretary, to be accorded the same privilege.

On motion, tomorrow morning was fixed as the time to hear the representatives from the General Synod and the General Council.

The Treasurer's report was read by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., and referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report.

C. H. Duls, Treasurer, in Account With the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

		Dr.	
1908.			
Oct.	8.	No balance in hands Treasurer (P. 52 last minutes).	
Dec.	28.	Received of J. H. Sheppard, Treasurer Mississippi Synod, in re expenses, minutes, etc..$	7.20
1909.			
Jan.	8.	Received of James D. Heiling, Treasurer North Carolina Synod, in re expenses, minutes, etc..	44.50
June	1.	Received of A. B. Greiner, Treasurer Southwest Virginia Synod (from Marion congregation)	1.75
Aug.	11.	Received from M. Coffman, Treasurer Synod of Virginia, in re expenses..	31.20
1910.			
Aug.	22.	Received from J. M. Kinser, Treasurer Holston Synod, in re expenses..	7.50
		Total receipts.. .. ..$	92.15

Note—All the Synods have not yet reported.

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1908.			
Dec.	21.	Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary (Page 85 last minutes).. .. ..$	27.00
Dec.	21.	Paid Prince Green, sexton (Page 90 last minutes..	5.00
1909.			
Oct.	30.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, Dean, interest to June 11, 1909, on $529.70 note (Page 9 last minutes)..	25.80
1910.			
Sept.	5.	Check enclosed to pay Rev. A. G. Voigt, Dean, interest $502.70, note, to June 11, 1910.. ..	25.13
		Check to pay Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary, for expenses of stationery and mailing, etc	2.50
		Check to pay Henkel & Co. on account..	6.72
		Total disbursements.. .. ..$	92.15

Note—The outstanding indebtedness of United Synod, as per minutes last convention, page 53, was:

Due Henkel & Co.. .. ..$ 202.50
Due Theological Seminary, money borrowed (do. p. 53). 502.70

The present indebtedness of Synod is as follows:

1. Due Henkel & Co. on old account, $202.50; on 1908 account, $340.00; less check now paid, $6.72; balance due, $506.81, and less catechisms returned, $28.97.

2. Due Theological Seminary (borowed money), $502.70, and interest, from June 11, 1910.

3. Expenses of official visitors (page 93) have not been paid. (Itemized statements are filed herewith). Official visitors have filed no account with Treasurer.

SPECIAL FUNDS.

The F. P. Cover Fund, $10,000.00. (See page 53 last Minutes). This fund is still invested at interest as heretofore. The Treasurer believes this fund is securely invested in accordance with the provisions of the will of the testator and the instructions of Synod, and he exhibits and files herewith the papers and securities evidencing the investments.

Interest has been collected on $8,500 of the fund to August 14, 1910.. .. ..$1,020.00
Interest has been collected on $1,500 of the fund to August 15, 1910.. .. .. 180.00

$1,200.00

Of this interest there has been paid:

To Rev. J. A. Huffard, pastor Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran church.. .. ..$ 120.00
To Treasurer Lutheran Orphan Home.. .. .. 1,080.00

$1,200.00

Vouchers for said payments are also filed herewith.

Mrs. Kate E. Drafts, Widow of Geo. Michael Drafts, $5,000 *Donation* to the permanent endowment fund of the Theological Seminary. The Seminary not being an incorporated body, this fund, with the advice and consent of the President, was turned over to and accepted by the undersigned, Treasurer, on behalf of Synod, with the understanding and agreement that the matter should be laid before the present convention for action. The Treasurer received the $5,000 fund October 21, 1909, and placed same on 4 per cent. certificate of deposit with the First National

Bank of Charlotte, N. C. This certificate (No. 21433), along with copy of the trust paper and of the receipt signed by the treasurer, are exhibited and filed with this report.

Mrs. S. C. Swigert $2,000 *Beneficiary Education Fund.* This was a $2,000 donation to United Synod in trust that the fund be deposited during the natural life of the donor, Mrs. S. C. Swigert, in the Bank of Forest, Forest, Miss., any interest on said deposit during said time to be paid to her; the principal to forever remain intact and undiminished; and upon and after donor's decease, the interest to be expended by United Synod, trustee, primarily for the education of men who are citizens of the State of Mississippi, identified with the Mississippi Synod, and who are candidates for the ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and, secondarily, for other candidates as in the written instrument of gift provided. All the papers and correspondence connected with the matter, including receipt in favor of Synod as trustee from the Bank of Forest for the fund which was deposited there on September 6, 1909, are exhibited and filed with this report. Respectfully submitted,

C. H. DULS, Treasurer.

September 5, 1910

Sources of Revenue:

1. Annual assessment of one-half cent per capita (standing resolution 4).
2. Profits accruing from sale Book of Worship (p. 85, last Minutes).
3. Proceeds sale Sunday School picture charts, if any on hand (pages 7 and 75, last Minutes).

A letter from Hon. C. H. Duls was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, in list of Standing Committees, Rules of Order, page 6 in place of Committee "on Missions," there shall be Committee on Home Missions, and Committee on Foreign Missions.

Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., presented resolutions under item 12, By-Laws, page 4, and, on motion, they were held for consideration in connection with the Report of the Board of Home Missions.

It was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine the Sunday School Hymnal prepared by Rev. E. C. Cronk, and report its judgment on it at this convention of Synod.

The report of the official visitor to Elizabeth College was received and adopted.

Report of Visitor to Elizabeth College.

This institution continues to increase its equipment and efficiency, and to grow in favor with the general public. It has a property value of more than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($250,000.00). Last year three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) were spent on permanent improvements, and one thousand ($1,000.00) on repairs. The beautiful buildings and grounds are in perfect condition.

There were one hundred and ninety-six students from twelve States last session. The courses of study indicate that the college ranks with the best Southern Colleges for women. The faculty is composed of eighteen active teachers and several lecturers. The members of the faculty come from fifteen States, represent forty colleges, universities and conservatories, and one hundred and fifty-five years' teaching experience.

The fourteenth session begins September 15th, 1910. The present enrollment of students for session 1910-11 shows a substantial increase over last session.

This college, while not under board supervision of the United Synod, is, nevertheless, Lutheran in spirit and management, and for this reason, and on account of its superior advantages, commends itself to the Lutheran Church, and is eminently worthy of our moral support and encouragement.

An official communication from the President expresses his regrets that he is unable to attend the United Synod on account of his needed presence at the college incident to the formal opening of the session. It is his earnest desire that the Synod continue to express its friendly relations towards the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER, Visitor.

Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., was re-elected official visitor to Elizabeth College.

The Report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod was read by Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., and was referred to a Special Committee to be composed of four members, two each from the Committees on Reports of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions.

The Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D.

At 8 p. m. the Vesper Service was conducted by Rev. M. M.

Kinard, Ph.D., and addresses were made on Home and Foreign Missions by Rev. John Hall and Rev. Chas. K. Hunton—Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., presiding.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1910, 9 A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with devotional services, led by Rev. J. E. Shenk.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

Standing Committees.

The Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

No. 1. *On President's Report.*—Rev. W. R. Brown, Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., Rev. John Hall, Rev. Jas. D. Kinard, Rev. Walter C. Davis, Mr. J. E. Cooper, Mr. C. H. Stieglitz.

No. 2. *On Minutes of Last Convention.*—Rev. J. C. Peery, Rev. J. K. Efird, Rev. J. E. Shenk, Capt. J. W. Jenny, Mr. J. P. Cook.

No. 3. *On District Synods.*—Rev. W. A. Lutz, Rev. W. P. Cline, Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh, Capt. J. C. Seegers, Mr. M. G. M. Fisher.

No. 4. *On Devotional Exercises.*—Pastor loci and officers of Synod.

No. 5. *On Theological Seminary.*—Rev. M. J. Epting, D. D., Rev. W. A. Snyder, Rev. J. H. Harms, D. D., Mr. S. T. Shank, Mr. Ambrose L. Henkel.

No. 6. *On Literary Institutions.*—Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., Rev. Enoch Hite, Rev. B. S. Brown, Dr. A. B. Greiner, Mr. Jacob Umlauf.

No. 7. *On Orphan Home.*—Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., Rev. J. A. Cromer, Rev. C. A. Freed, Hon. Jno. F. Ficken, Mr. A. H. Kohn.

No. 8. *On Home Missions.*—Rev. H. A. McCullough, Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Rev. S. S. Rahn, D. D., Rev. W. P. Huddle, Rev. C. L. Miller, Rev. J. R. Howorth, Mr. D. N. Akard, Hon. J. D. Cappelmann,

No. 9. *On Foreign Missions.*—Rev. C. Armand Miller, D. D., Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D. D., Rev. W. L. Darr, Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., Rev. T. W. Shealy, Rev. W. C. Davis, Mr. J. A. Alexander, Mr. G. W. J. Sharitz.

No. 10. *On Board of Publication.*—Rev. T. O. Keister, D. D., Rev. V. Y. Boozer, Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., Rev. M.

G. G. Scherer, D. D., Hon. C. M. Efird, Mr. D. N. Akard, Mr. A. G. Johnson.

No. 11. *On Finance.*—Rev. T. O. Keister, D. D., Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., Hon. Geo. B. Cromer, LL.D., Col. A. M. Bowman, Mr. J. E. Cooper, Hon. C. M. Efird.

No. 12. *To Audit Treasurer's Report.*—Col. A. M. Bowman, Mr. H. L. Bonham, Mr. R. A. Rudisill.

No. 13. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., Rev. W. A. Snyder, Rev. S. P. Koon, Mr. A. G. Wise, Mr. M. L. Rudisill.

No. 14. *On Church Literature.*—Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Rev. L. L. Lohr, Rev. C. E. Weltner, D. D., Mr. H. D. Derrick, Mr. Jacob Umlauf.

No. 15. *To Nominate Visitors to Other Bodies.*—Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, Rev. Paul Sieg, Dr. O. B. Mayer, Dr. R. B. Killian.

Special Committees.

On Proposed Sunday School Hymnal.—Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., Rev. Chas. K. Bell.

On Report of Board of Mission and Church Extension.—Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D. D., Hon. J. D. Cappelmann, Mr. J. A. Alexander.

Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D. D., the fraternal representative from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, was presented and received as an advisory member.

Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., presented his report as official representative to the General Synod, which was received as information and ordered to be printed in our minutes, eliminating the address which accompanies the report.

Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D., reported as fraternal delegate to the General Council. The report was received as information and ordered printed in our minutes.

Report of Fraternal Delegate to General Synod.

By appointment of the President of United Synod, I attended the forty-fourth convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, held at Richmond, Indiana, June 2-10, 1909 (as substitute delegate for Rev. J. E. Shenk, who was elected as your regular delegate, but was unable to attend that meeting). I was received in the marked and cordial spirit which has always characterized the

attitude of the General Synod toward the United Synod. I remained from the opening session Wednesday, June 2, until Saturday, and noted the earnest, broad, aggressive spirit in which that body met its work. The enrollment showed 122 ministerial members and 111 lay members, representing 23 district synods, 1,733 congregations and 231,724 communicants. The delegates were strong men, many of whom have been officially connected with the General Synod's work for years, whose names are known throughout the Lutheran Church in America. The grand totals in the statistics of the General Synod are large and indicate fine results from the energetc efforts of that body. In the biennium reported at Richmond the General Synod churches gave $109,131.28 for Home Missions, $96,313.37 for Foreign Missions, $70,845.34 for Church Extension and a grand total for benevolence of $775,712.95. But the practical work of this progressive body was not all that interested us. An unsettled relationship between the General Synod and the General Council was the occasion for much concern and some anxiety on the part of those who had been hoping for a United Lutheran Church in America. The presence of Dr. H. E. Jacobs as a delegate from the General Council was an assurance that the points of issue would not be evaded, but that they would receive consideration in the spirit of Christ. It was so, and the whole Church has reason to rejoice that the adjustment of differences between these bodies means a great step toward the fuller unity of the whole Lutheran Church in America. It becomes more and more apparent that the service which the United Synod is called to perform as mediator between the other general bodies is not the least part of its distinctive mission.

The subject of the General Synod's doctrinal basis and its cooperation with other bodies, was a subject of intense interest, and of full and free discussion. The theses adopted relative thereto, in the form of resolutions, are found in the minutes of that meeting, pages 56-61. This fuller statement is gratifying to those who subscribe to all of the historic confessions of the Lutheran Church.

The greetings of the United Synod were duly presented, and were responded to in a most fitting and cordial manner by the President of the General Synod, Rev. H. K. Fenner, D. D.

The General Synod appointed Rev. P. H. Miller, D. D., as fraternal delegate to the United Synod, and Rev. Prof. David H. Bauslin, D. D., as alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER.

Report of Corresponding Delegate to the General Council.

It was a matter of great personal disappointment to your delegate to the General Council that at the last moment, contrary to purposes, imperative duties prevented his attendance at the last meeting of that body. However, a letter conveying the greetings of the United Synod was forwarded and was read before the General Council.

The growing cordiality, unity of faith, and practical cooperation between the General Council and the United Synod are noted with profound gratitude to God. It gives encouragement to the hope that in our generation at least the three predominently English-speaking general bodies of America may be one in faith and practical cooperation.

Rev. Prof. Alfred Ramsey, D. D., was appointed delegate to our present convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MOREHEAD.

Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D. D., from the General Synod, and Rev. Alfred Ramsey, D. D., from the General Council, then addressed the Synod in most pleasing terms, bearing the fraternal greetings of their respective synods to this body. The President of Synod responded to these addresses in terms pleasing and appropriate.

Rev. M. B. Porter, of the Presbyterian Church, and Secretary of the American Bible Society, was presented and officially recognized.

The following were also received as advisory members: Revs. Fred H. Meuschke, A. L. Crouse, F. G. Gotwald, D. D., and F. L. Sigmund, D. D., of the Lutheran Publication Society of the General Synod.

Rev. J. H. Wilson, D. D., made his report as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary. The report was received, and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

Dr. Wilson also reported for the Joint Committee on relocation of the Seminary. (See Minutes of 1908, pages 54-55.)

This report was received, and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary, that committee being instructed to insert the amounts offered by cities competing for the location of that institution.

Rev. W. P. Cline read the report of the Board of Publication, which was received and held for reference to the proper committee.

On motion, a standing committee on "Board of Publication" was added to the list of committees, and the report of the Board of Publication was referred to this committee.

The Committee on Sunday-school Work reported. Report received, to be considered by items:

Item 1 was adopted.

Pending the further consideration of the report Synod adjourned.

Benediction by the President.

At 8 p. m. Vesper services were conducted by Rev. Chas. K. Hunton. Rev. C. E. Weltner, D. D., made an address on Inner Missions, and Rev. A. D. R. Hancher on The Needs of Our Orphan Home. Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., presided.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1910, 9 A. M.

Synod convened and devotional services were conducted by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

The pending report on Sunday-school Work was deferred until reports on Home and Foreign Missions, and on Common Book of Worship be presented.

Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., read the report of the Board of Home Missions, which was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Resolutions previously offered by Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., were also referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., made his report as President of the Board of Foreign Missions, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, our Missionary from Japan, then, on request, addressed the Synod, forcibly presenting the needs of our mission in the Orient.

Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., Superintendent of the Slav Missions of the General Council, was invited to address the Synod. He gave an interesting account of the immigration and needs of the Slavak Lutherans in the South.

The following response was adopted:

We have heard with the depest interest the statement of our brother of the General Council, Rev. Dr. Ramer, concerning work

now being prosecuted among the Slavacks, and especially of that part of it on our own territory, and we urge our pastors, with whom he may come in contact in his attempts to reach and minister to that, or any kindred people, to render any help they may, in caring for them and gathering them into congregations, in which they may receive the stated ministrations of the gospel, or where that can not be done, such occasional ministrations as may be possible.

We also invite the presence of our brother amongst us, at any time in the future, to inform us of his field and work.

Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., presented the report of the Corporation Board of the Orphan Home, which was received and referred to the Committee on Orphan Home.

The consideration of the Report on Sunday-school Work was resumed, and the report was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Sunday School Work.

Just about one hundred years ago the first Lutheran Sunday school in this country was founded. Since then its history has been checkered, and at times its importation regretted. But the Sunday school has slowly won real existence in our Church by adjusting itself to the life and needs of the Church. Perhaps this is the first report of its kind ever submitted to the United Synod of the South.

The general condition of the Sunday schools of the United Synod was investigated by your committee immediately after the last meeting of Synod. But geographical separation and the great expense of getting the committee together prevented frequent conferences. Two meetings were held, first in Charlotte, N. C., and the second in Greensboro, N. C. The two most expedient matters that presented themselves to the committee were: First, to get the Sunday school to do real work; second, to unify that work. To this end the committee at its first meeting outlined and published in the *Lutheran Church Visitor* a programme which included a fair beginning in normal work. The general idea of the programme was to recommend to all the district synods asking for cooperation of plans and unity of action. The faithful *Lutheran Church Visitor* was often used to keep the needs of the Sunday school before the Church. The results have been beyond what might have been expected. At the last meeting of the United Synod, Sunday School Normal or Institutes were practically unknown. The past summer some normal work was done in every synod, with perhaps one exception. In

some of the synods there is a permanent committee on Sunday school work and the annual normal has fixed place. The old Sunday school convention, with its hackneyed exhortations from perhaps earnest yet plainly incompetent workers, is slowly giving way to better methods of instruction. As we go into the subject some difficulties disappear and many others appear. We are far from the end of our ideal—just a beginning.

Your committee would make the following recommendations:

1. That the Synod appoint a committee to arrange a teacher training course, to prepare or select and recommend suitable text books.

2. For the development of the young people in benevolence, we urge the passage of a resolution requesting all our Sunday schools to take offerings for the several causes of the United Synod to which the congregations are asked to contribute.

3. We recommend that a standing committee be appointed on Sunday schools, with the suggestion that it be more localized.

4. Resolved, That the Sunday school committee shall have general supervision over the teacher training work of the United Synod and shall have authority to provide and issue teacher training certificates to those who have satisfactorily completed the prescribed course of study.

Your committee would call Synod's attention to the difficulties of non-official Sunday school literature. With three or four different series of lessons, almost equally used in our Synod, your committee is at a serious disadvantage in planning practical work and answering definite questions. Demonstration class work, or teacher training work, where so many unofficial text books are used is, to say the least, confusing. Our normal work can never have the unity or efficiency that it would have without official literature.

We call attention to the difficulties that Synod may aid in removing them.

Respectfully submitted.

H. A. McCULLOUGH,
C. A. FREED,
CHAS. K. BELL,
W. H. RISER,
T. W. SHEALY,
T. O. KEISTER.

Under Item 1, the following committee on the teacher training course was appointed: Revs. W. A. Snyder, E. C. Cronk and John Hall.

Under Item 4 the following committee was appointed: Revs. H. A. McCullough, C. K. Bell, T. O. Keister, D. D., W. H. Riser and Geo. H. Cox, D. D.

On motion, it was ordered that the collections at our several night services be turned over to the Treasurer of this Synod, to be equally divided between the causes presented in the addresses.

The Committee on "Deaconess Work" presented its report. The report was received. Pending its consideration Synod adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Benediction by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1910, 3 P. M.

Synod was called to order, and opened with prayer by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

The report on Deaconess Work was taken up, and was adopted, with its recommendations:

Report on Deaconess Training Work in the United Synod.

Your committee appointed at Savannah "to take under advisement the whole work of Deaconess Training by the United Synod," would make the following report:

A meeting covering parts of two days was held in the Publication House in Columbia in the spring of 1909, at which all three members were present. The committee also held a joint meeting with a similar committee which was appointed by the South Carolina Synod. Pastor Weltner was called in for consultation at one of the meetings and gave the committee the benefit of his experience in the work and made a statement of what he had done and was doing in the training of deaconesses and Christian workers and in welfare work for the Olympia mill authorities. Miss Josephine Copeland, who had completed a two years' course under his care was provisionally ordained, December 24, 1908, and accepted a position as matron at the Orphan Home, Salem, Va., where she rendered faithful service for almost a year, when her health compelled her to give up the position. Since the beginning of the present year she has been doing welfare work in the Richland mills, Columbia. She is desirous of remaining in the office of deaconess and of continuing her studies in her chosen calling. Two young ladies were at

the time under training to become Christian workers. The committee visited the home that had been opened and fitted out for their occupancy and it was much pleased with the arrangements made and the interest manifested by the young ladies. The committee attended the sessions of two night schools carried on in the Olympia and Richland mill districts and was impressed with the usefulness and importance of this work. These schools while not a part of the Inner Mission work conducted by Doctor Weltner, are nevertheless an object lesson to the Church and fairly represent to us what the Church might do in many districts if she were equipped to do Inner Mission work.

After spending a year under the training of Dr. Weltner, the two young ladies entered upon other fields of labor and preparation. Miss Gertrude Simpson accepted a call as Field Secretary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the South Carolina Synod. Miss Mary Louise Bowers entered the Hospital at Easton, Pa., to take a year's course in nursing. She is desirous of entering the Mary J. Drexel Motherhouse of Deaconesses, Philadelphia, Pa., to become a deaconess to be ordained by the United Synod for parish work in the South.

On account of the difficulty in finding fields of labor for the deaconesses and Christian workers in the congregations of the United Synod, Dr. Weltner has not continued his training school at Columbia. His judgment is that the work needs further cultivation among our people that fields be found for those who have been trained for this special form of Christian activity.

The conclusion of the committee is that before the Deaconess work can be successfully established in the Lutheran Church of the Southland, at least three problems must be solved, which in the judgment of your committee will require much time for consideration: First, Does the character of the work in the United Synod of the South demand regular Lutheran Deaconesses, or simply Christian workers, male and female? Second, Can the work of Inner Missions be carried on continuously without some established center of Inner Mission activities, like a hospice, an orphanage, or a hospital? Third, Has the United Synod a sufficiently large contingency, and congregations strong enough in membership, to make the introduction of the female diaconate, or of a system of Christian workers, possible and successful, both in respect to support and also in respect to field of labor?

Your committee, while realizing that it can present but a very imperfect report, but impressed with the future possibilities of this great force of the Lutheran Church, respectfully recommend the appointment of a committee of Inner Missions to

watch the development of the work within the Lutheran Church in our land, to study the needs of the United Synod in respect to Inner Mission possibilities, to direct the training of such of our young women as consecrate themselves to works of mercy, and to report to each convention of the United Synod all matters that are of interest to the Synod and that call for its action.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. FINCK,
W. P. CLINE,
JAS. D. KINARD,
Committee.

Committee on Deaconess Work.—Revs. W. J. Finck, W. P. Cline, and Jas. D. Kinard.

The report on Common Book of Worship was presented, received, and considered by items. The subject matter of items two and three was referred to the following auditing committee: Messrs. H. L. Bonham, J. E. Cooper, and A. G. Wise.

The recommendation of item four was sustained. The amount named in item five, expenses of committee, was ordered paid by our Treasurer, and the report was adopted:

Report of Committee on Common Book of Worship.

Your committee begs leave to offer the following report:

In accordance with the action of the United Synod (cf. Minutes 1908, p. 76) the business transactions connected with the publication and sale of the Book of Worship have been conducted by the Board of Publication. The transfer of this business was made according to the following agreement, which, however, did not go into effect until after the date mentioned therein owing to a delay in obtaining the signature of the president of the Board of Publication:

TERMS OF TRANSFER.

In effecting the transfer of business relating to the sale and distribution of the Book of Worship from the hands of the committee on Common Book of Worship to the Board of Publication of the United Synod, the following is mutually agreed upon:

1. That on and after January 1, 1909, all contracts for printing, binding and handling the Book of Worship shall be made by the Board of Publication.

2. That all contracts made by the Committee on Common Book of Worship and in force on the above date shall be turned over

to the Board of Publication and shall be completed by said Board.

3. That present prices of Book of Worship, also present styles of binding, paper, etc., shall be maintained, and that any proposed variation therefrom shall be submitted to the committee on Common Book of Worship.

(Signed)

M. G. G. SCHERER,
Chairman Committee on Common Book of Worship.
W. P. CLINE,
President Lutheran Publication Board.

December 16, 1908.

The following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements on account of the Book of Worship.

RECEIPTS.

1908.		
Sept. 1.	To balance in hand	$ 60.35
Sept. 8.	To check United Synod Publishing Company	49.17
Sept. 14.	To check United Synod Publishing Company	54.67
Oct. 15.	To check United Synod Publishing Company	41.79
Oct. 26.	To check United Synod Publishing Company	77.51
Nov. 4.	To check United Synod Publishing Company	61.29
Dec. 23.	To check United Synod Publishing Company	101.13
Dec. 31.	To check United Synod Publishing Company	8.73
	Total	$454.64

DISBURSEMENTS.

1908.		
Sept. 16.	By draft C. B. Opp, Manager	$163.79
Sept. 16.	By exchange	.40
Nov. 10.	By draft C. B. Opp, Manager	180.14
Nov. 10.	By exchange	.45
1909.		
Jan. 8.	By Draft C. B. Opp. Manager	109.66
Jan. 8.	By exchange	.20
		$454.64

ITEM THREE.

On January 9, 1909, there was a balance of $143.47 due the General Council Publication House by your committee, which balance, as is shown by the following letter, was transferred to the account of the Board of Publication of the United Synod:

Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., Charleston, S. C.

Reverend and Dear Doctor: In accordance with your letter of the 8th instant, inclosing check, for which accept thanks, we have transferred the balance of the bill herewith to the account of the Board of Publication of the United Synod, South.

With best wishes for a prosperous and happy Near Year, I am

Very respectfully,

CHAS. B. OPP, Manager,

Per G.

The Board of Publication has furnished us no statement of sales of the Book of Worship. We are not able therefore to make any report as to this matter.

MUSIC EDITION OF BOOK OF WORSHIP.

In pursuance of the instruction of the United Synod (see Minutes 1908, page 76) your committee, together with the auxiliary committee, promptly began the work of preparing a music edition of the Book of Worship. The two committees met at Columbia, S. C., February 2, 1909, the following ministers being present: Revs. A. G. Voigt, M. G. G. Scherer, W. A. Snyder, E. C. Cronk, and Mr. P. C. Price. A joint committee was organized by the election of Rev. M. G. G. Scherer as chairman and Rev. W. A. Snyder as secretary. The Rev. C. Armand Miller, who was present upon invitation, was made an advisory member.

Other meetings were held at Charleston (May 11, 1909) and at Florence (Sept. 22, 1909). At each meeting of the committee much work was done by way of selecting tunes and musical settings and arranging details for the publication of the book. Also in the intervals between the meetings the several members were occupied with work specially assigned to them. Particualr men tion should be made of the services of Revs. W. A. Snyder and E. C. Cronk, upon whom fell by far the larger and more responsible part of the work. The valuable assistance of Dr. Miller was also highly appreciated by the committee.

When the joint committee had well nigh finished the task of preparing the manuscript for the press it was suddenly faced with a very important and far-reaching problem requiring the most careful consideration, and, from any point of view, imposing upon the committee a very great responsibility. This problem arose out of information received at Florence to the effect that the General Council, at its meeting in Minneapolis, in September, 1909, had adopted a series of resolutions looking to the preparation of an "English Service and Hymn Book which may be printed from the same original" for use by all the bodies that

united in the preparation of the Common Service. This action contemplates a book for the several general bodies, having the same hymns and hymn-tunes, and also the same musical settings for the parts of the Common Service; and the representatives of the United Synod in the Joint Committee on Common Service are invited to cooperate in this work. For obvious reasons such a book seemed greatly to be desired. Therefore, while recognizing the urgent need of a Book of Worship with music for use in our churches, the committee thought best not to proceed at once to the publication of our book which was very nearly ready almost a year ago for the printers, but to hold the matter in abeyance until this meeting of the United Synod.

In the meantime the Church Book Committee of the General Council has been working industriously to carry out the instructions of the Council. Much work has been done preliminary to a meeting of the Joint Committee of the general bodies, and we have assurances that the Joint Committee will be called together not later than some date in November of this year.

We recommend, therefore, that the publication of the music edition of the book in use by us be deferred at least until the next meeting of the United Synod.

ITEM FIVE.

The following expenses were incurred in connection with the work on music edition: Rev. A. G. Voigt, $10.68; Rev. W. A. Snyder, $38.00; Rev. E. C. Cronk, $21.70; Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, $9.80. On September 30, 1909, we received a check from Mr. C P. Price for $25.00 and one for a like amount from Mr. G. C. Hine, with instructions that the money be used in part payment of the expenses of the clerical members of the committee employed upon the music edition of the Book of Worship. Thirty-five dollars ($35.00) of this money was paid to the Rev. W. A. Snyder and fifteen dollars to the Rev. E. C. Cronk. Balance due the several members of the committee are as follows: Rev. W. A. Snyder, $3.00; Rev. E. C. Cronk, $6.70; Rev. A. G. Voigt, $10.68; Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, $9.80; total, $30.18. The lay members of the auxiliary committee have presented no bills of expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. SCHERER,
A. G. VOIGT.
L. A. FOX.

Auditing Committee's Report on Account of Common Book.

The committee to audit the financial statement in the report of the committee on the Common Book of Worship reports that it has compared the statement with the vouchers submitted and find it correct.

H. L. BONHAM.
J. E. COOPER.
A. G. WISE.

On motion, Revs. J. E. Shenk, W. H. Riser, and Dr. Geo. B. Cromer were constituted a committee to nominate Committee on Common Book of Worship, and the committee was increased from three to six members.

The following were nominated and elected: Revs. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., W. A. Snyder, A. G. Voigt, D. D., E. C. Cronk, L. A. Fox, D. D., and C. Armand Miller, D. D.

Rev. T. O. Keister, D. D., submitted the Report of the Committee on the Board of Publication, which was considered by items, and adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Publication.

Your committee begs leave to present the following report:

The paper placed in our hands is an extended account of the acts of the Board of Publication. Your committee rejoices in the developments that have been realized in the equipment of the Publication House for the carrying on of a larger and more profitable business, and we believe that in the years to come the wisdom of the management will be fully attested to the eminent satisfaction of the whole Church.

From a conservative business standpoint we regard the Synod's investment in the Publication property as a safe and desirable one.

The financial credit of the Publication House in the city of Columbia should be a cause of gratification to us all, and is a valuable asset.

Especilly do we desire to commend the efficient conduct of the publications of the Board, the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*, and to express our gratification at the steady and increasing circulation of these papers through the energetic efforts of the management. A most valuable service also do we regard

the sale of many useful books through the system of colportage put into operation during the past summer.

We note that in accordance with the instructions of the United Synod (Minutes of 1908, page 61) the Board has secured a charter, and that the property has been legally transferred to the Board of Publication of the United Synod, to be held in trust for this body. As neither the charter nor the title to the property has been placed in the hands of your committee, we are not in possession of the data necessary to enable us to recommend the approval or disapproval of these instruments.

1. We recommend that the United Synod approve the action of the Board in purchasing additional ground, in the erection of the additional building, and in the purchase and installation of the printing plant.

2. That the Synod request the Board to present in its biennial report a clear and concise summary of the receipts and expenditures of the various departments of the Board's work.

3. That the Synod approve the second recommendation of the Board.

4. That the United Synod commends the Publication cause to our people and urges that an annual offering be taken in our congregations for the liquidation of the present indebtedness.

5. That the charter of the Board be printed in our Minutes.

6. That said Board be constituted as follows: Geo. B. Cromer, LL.D., Rev. W. P. Cline, Hon. D. F. Efird, Dr. E. J. Etheredge, P C. Price, Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D., Rev. E. J. Sox.

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. KEISTER,
A. G. JOHNSON,
V. Y. BOOZER,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
D. N. AKARD,
GEO. S. BOWERS,
C. M. EFIRD.

Report of Board of Publication.

The Board of Publication, as constituted at the last meeting of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, met in the town of Prosperity, S. C., on November 4, 1908, and was organized by the election of the following officers: Rev. W. P. Cline, President; Dr. W. H. Greever, Secretary and Treasurer; P. C. Price, Special Treasurer of Property Fund. At this meeting the office and work of W. P. Houseal was designated as that of Associate Editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor.*

The Board immediately after its organization entered upon the important work submitted to its charge.

The work of the Board since its organization has been largely constructive. Through the energetic efforts of the manager, Dr. W. H. Greever, the Board has cautiously and judiciously carried on the work of the Publication Cause. Realizing that the publishing business was to a large extent a new enterprise among our people in the Lutheran Church, the Board has steadily kept in view the educational feature of the work. It felt that the first step toward the permanent success of our Cause would be to educate our laymen to the extent wherein they could form a fair comprehension of the importance of the work. Along this line the Board is gratified at the interest that has been aroused in this enterprise throughout the bounds of the Church, and has no doubt as to the ultimate success of the work.

CHARTER AND TRANSFER OF PROPERTY.

In pursuance of the instructions given by this body at its meeting in Savannah, Ga., on October 6, 1908, the Board of Publication at its first meeting on November 4, 1908, took the necessary action to secure a charter. On January 7, 1909, the Board was duly chartered and incorporated by the Secretary of State of South Carolina. After securing the charter all the property held by the Publishing Committee of the Synod, or held in trust for said publishing committee, was duly and legally transferred to the Board of Publication, to be held in trust for the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South. A copy of said charter is herewith submitted.

PURCHASE OF SUMTER STREET PROPERTY.

In order to secure the future development of the Publication Cause, the Board deemed it advisable to purchase the property immediately in the rear of the Publication building facing on Sumter street, known in connection with our plant as the "Sumter street property." The property consists of a lot 42 feet by 208 feet on which is located a residence of seven rooms. The purchasing price of this property was $7,317.19, a special contribution of $500 by several parties was applied to this purchase.

NEGOTIATIONS OF LOANS.

The following loans were negotiated by the Board at 6 per cent. interest in order to take up other outstanding loans, previously negotiated at a higher rate of interest, covering the entire indebtedness on the property:

To the Virginia Life Insurance Company.. .. ..$25,000.00
Private parties in Columbia.. .. .. 5,771.21
Private parties in Virginia.. .. .. 10,000.00

These loans were negotiated in accordance with the previous instruction of the United Synod, viz: being secured by mortgages on the real estate itself, without involving the United Synod in financial obligations.

NEW BUILDINGS.

As is elsewhere more fully set forth, the Board, through the Manager, secured funds sufficient for the installation of our own printing plant. After mature consideration of conditions which made it clear that to place machinery in the main building would inevitably decrease the income from rentals, and in view of future development, the Board deemed it advisable to erect a new and separate building on the rear end of the Sumter street lot, connected by stairway and walk with the Main street building, a new building especially for the printing plant. The building was completed about the first of July, 1910. It is 90 feet long by 33 feet wide, brick walls, mill construction, with wood floor laid on a six inch concrete base. The cost of this building, together with certain modifications of our adjoining buildings, was $3,841.78. Toward this the Sunday-schools of the United Synod have contributed $294.54. No better or more sanitary printing house can be found in the South, is the verdict of men who travel all over our territory.

PUBLICATION SECRETARY.

Rev. E. C. Cronk, who has been employed by the Publishing Committee as Publication Secretary, was retained by the Board of Publication after its organization. Rev. Cronk continued his work for the Board until December, 1909, at which time he resigned as Publication Secretary, but was retained under the title of Field Secretary, at a reduced salary, having accepted the position of Secretary of the Laymen's Movement, which work he carried on in connection with the duties of Field Secretary of the Board of Publication. Early in this year the Laymen's Missionary Movement desired his whole time. He offered his resignation to the Board and it was accepted.

The current business of the Board is reviewed in the reports of the Manager and Treasurer, which is submitted to and adopted by the Board at its meeting September 2, 1910. These reports are herewith submitted as a part of this report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Money received from loans, Mar. 5, 1909-Aug. 31, 1910	$33,500.00
Money received by Donations	527.80
Money received by Donation for Sumter St. Property	500.00
Money received for rent	194.33
Money received, Donations and rent, May 1, 1908-August 21, 1910	17,416.71
Total receipts, May 1, 1908, to August 31, 1910	$52,138.84
Indebtedness, May 1, 1908	$35,427.21
Total receipts, May 1, 1908-August 31, 1910	52,138.84
Received on note to P. C. Price	5,771.21
	$93,337.26
Total Disbursements, May 1, 1908-Aug. 31, 1910	51,966.05
Total Indebtedness, Aug. 31, 1910	$41,966.05
Cash in Bank	978.72
Note to Virginia Life Insurance Company	$25,000.00
Note to private parties in Virginia	10,000.00
Note to P. C. Price, Treasurer	5,771.21
Note to J. S. Kleckley	600.00
	$41,371.21

P. C. PRICE,
Treasurer Property Fund.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY.

Conservative and disinterested parties, independent of each other, have estimated the value of the whole plant at $100,000.

REPORT OF THE MANAGER.

To the Lutheran Board of Publication:

The business you have committed to my care has been conducted, during the period since your organization and my election, in strict accordance with your official instructions. No step of importance in any department of the business has been taken without your approval and authority. The items which it seems proper for me to make report upon at this time are as follows:

No new publications in this department have been undertaken. Our periodical publications are, *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*.

LUTHERAN CHURCH VISITOR.

The editorial work on this paper has been done with the whole Church in mind, past, present and future, as represented in the individual members, families, congregations, conferences, synods, committees, boards and institutions. The ideal has been striven for but has not been approached.

The circulation of the *Visitor* has been materially increased since our report to the United Synod for September 1, 1908. On that date the circulation of the *Visitor* was 4,138. On September 1, 1910, the circulation was 5,200. The strict observance of the Postoffice Department has continuously removed names from our mailing list, but at the same time it has decreased losses on account of delinquents, and in every respect the circulation is in the most healthy condition in our history. The increase in circulation was brought about chiefly through special canvasses of 1909 and 1910. In spite of these improvements, however, the *Visitor* is far from self-supporting. It has never been self-supporting, though it has been published with as strict economy as could be practiced. It is believed that through our own printing plant this condition will be remedied.

We have given close attention to the mechanical make-up of the paper, and with our own printing plant we expect to make considerable improvements in the paper in this respect.

TIDINGS.

The editorial work on *Tidings* has been done faithfully and efficiently by Mrs. E. C. Cronk. The influence of the paper has grown, and it has become a very important factor in the development of the activities of the Church, especially among the young people.

According to your instructions the subscription price was increased to 15 cents per copy in clubs of ten or more in order to bring the paper to self-support. It is expected that the deficit at which the paper has been published, heretofore, may now cease to exist, as we shall be able to save, through our own printing plant, upon the cost of production.

The circulation of *Tidings* on September 1, 1908, was 5,709. On the first of September, 1910, it was 6,201.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

There has been a steady growth in the business with our Sunday-schools. We now have practically all of the business of furnishing literature and other supplies to the Sunday-schools of the United Synod. This business has necessitated special cultivation and has caused considerable expense in its development. The very cultivation of our legitimate patrons, however, has revealed a condition to us which deserves the official attention of the United Synod. Not having produced, adapted or adopted any system of lessons and helps for our own schools, there is a growing non-uniformity among them in this respect, which complicates not only the business side of the work but also prevents the kind of work that ought to be done in our Sunday-schools. We would suggest the advisability of a recommendation to the United Synod asking for the appointment of a committee to consult with the Sunday-school Committee or Board of the other English-speaking Lutheran bodies with reference to the preparation of a Common Sunday-school literature for English-Lutheran Sunday-schools.

THE BOOK DEPARTMENT.

The Book of Worship.

Soon after the last meeting of the United Synod the publication of the Book of Worship was turned over to us by the Common Service Committee. Since that time we have sold books amounting to $2,661.41. It is for this Board and that Committee to decide what payment of royalties is due the United Synod As your minutes show the publication of the music edition of the present Book of Worship has been suspended, pending instructions from the United Synod, owing to the prospect of the final revision of the book by the Joint Committee from the General Synod, General Council and United Synod, and the joint publication of a music edition of the Common Hymnal. On account of the prospect of early action in that direction we have not ordered new supplies of the present Book of Worship, and the supply of the half leather binding is exhausted. We ask for instructions upon this matter.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The last year and a half has witnessed the publication of several books and pamphlets with the imprint of our Board upon them. Following are the titles:

Japan for Christ.—By Dr. C. L. Brown. The financial respon-

sibility of the book was assumed by the Board of Foreign Missions.

Great Epochs in Church History, a reprint in pamphlet form of the special articles in the Reformation Number of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, 1909.

Five Needs in the Lutheran Church in America. By W. H. Greever. Published by request, the financial responsibility being assumed by the author.

A Message of Love, a translation of Luther's letter to his father, who seemed near to death. By Dr. A. G. Voigt.

Scripture Lessons for the Year. Compiled by W. H. Greever, and published at his expense.

United Synod Folder, a vest pocket manual containing condensed information concerning the United Synod, including a list of names and addresses of all of the United Synod Ministers.

Hymnal for Sunday-Schools. Compiled and edited by Rev. E. C. Cronk. Just issued from the press, the compiler assuming partial financial responsibility for the same.

Way of the Cross. A special edition of this popular book, by Dr. C. Armand Miller.

In addition to the above we have brought out a number of leaflets and pamphlets for the Foreign Mission Board and for the Woman's Missionary Societies.

DISTRIBUTION OF GOOD BOOKS.

Special attention has been given to the circulation of good Lutheran books during the last biennium, and marked success has attended our efforts. Due credit should be given to Rev. E. C. Cronk for the work which he did in this department, as well as in the circulation of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*, and the increase in the purchase of Sunday-school literature through our Board during his occupancy of the office of Publication Secretary. The opening of a small bookstore in our own building has helped in this work. The most aggressive and the most fruitful effort in this department has been that of this summer of 1910, through our colporteurs. Ten young college men were employed to begin work about the middle of June and to continue for three months. These young men have succeeded in holding the circulation of the *Visitor* up to the point gained by the special canvass in the summer of 1909, and have shown samples of upwards of fifty good Lutheran books to our

people throughout the United Synod territory, taking orders as follows:

Bibles and Testaments.. 211
The Twentieth Century New Testament.. 22
Primer of Lutheranism.. 110
Mode of Baptism.. 64
Luther's Catechism for the Young.. 323
Luther's Catechism (Explained).. 34
Luther's Catechism (Explained with Bible Texts).. 12
Luther's Large Catechism.. 61
Way of Salvation in the Lutheran Church.. 193
New Testament Conversions.. 31
The Way Made Plain.. 225
Elements of Religion.. 19
Distinctive Doctrines.. 145
Baptism (Whitteker).. 148
Conservative Reformation.. 22
Great Epochs in Church History.. 48
Life of Luther for Young (Illustrated).. 193
Schoenberg Cotta Family.. 301
Lutheran Handbook Series.. 39
Life of Melanchton.. 5
Life of Luther (Wackernagle).. 49
Life of Luther (Jacobs).. 43
Four Princes.. 30
Church History of the People.. 76
Lutheran Movement in England.. 11
Proceedings of Second and Third General Conference of Lutherans.. 4
The Golden Altar.. 13
The Way of the Cross.. 121
Scripture Lessons for the Year.. 9
The Perfect Prayer.. 74
Stark's Prayer-Book.. 149
Prince of the House of David.. 81
Pilgrim's Progress.. 45
Luther's Table Talk.. 5
True Christianity.. 10
Sacred Meditations.. 2
Heavenward.. 4
Lutheran Foreign Missions.. 22
Japan for Christ.. 96
Mission Studies.. 16

History of Lutheran Missions	5
Christian Missions in Early Times	16
Men and Missions	24
Life and Labors of Schwartz	15
Bible Questions and Answers	95
Five Needs in the Lutheran Church	40
Handbook for the Catechist	7
Explanation of Common Service	33
Life and Letters of Passavant	6
Lutheran Encyclopedia	36
Ideal Ministry	5
Lutheran Teacher Training Series	32
Colony of Mercy	13
The Lutheran Catechist	10
How to Make Marriage a Success	11
Portrait of Luther	4
Worth While Series	24
Message of Love	38
Quiet Talks With Earnest People	7
Pastoral Theology	1
Rational Test	1
Forget-Me-Not	7
Quiet Hints to Growing Preachers	1
Webster's Dictionary	14
Separated Life	6
Sacred Meditations	3
Total	3,560

In addition to the sale of these books our colporteurs have taken 385 new subscriptions to the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and collected for many renewals.

The educational value of this work is inestimable. It now appears that this venture will just about meet its own expenses, several of the young men still being in the field. An abbreviated catalogue of the best Lutheran books for our people has been sent out to fully half of the homes in the United Synod.

THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

On August 31, 1909, the Board passed a resolution declaring that it was the sense of the Board that a printing plant should be installed as soon as practicable. On October 22, 1909, I was appointed a committee of one to prosecute a canvass for $10,000 for the purpose of installing a printing plant. On February 10,

1910, the committee reported that $11,500 had been subscribed for that purpose, and the Board authorized the erection of a suitable building and the purchase of the plant. On August 1st the printing plant was ready for work, and the issue of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* for August 18th came from our own press. All of our own work is now done in our own printing house, and we have a plant that has no superior in the South, equipped for all kinds of printing (except bad). We have the contract for the printing of the United Synod minutes.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT.

Much attention has been given recently to the organization of our office force, the study of best methods in bookkeeping as applied to our lines, and to the equipment of the office so as to make the best, most economical work possible. We have inaugurated the card system for the keeping of accounts on the *Visitor* and with three-cross checking of these accounts we have almost eliminated all complaints about incorrect credits. This care is extended to all departments and our aim is prompt, courteous and accurate service.

(CHARTER).

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

Whereas, W. H. Greever and P. C. Price, both of Columbia, S. C., two or more of the officers or agents appointed to supervise and manage the office of the Lutheran Board of Publication, which has been duly and regularly organized, did on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1909, file with the Secretary of State, a written declaration, setting forth: That at a meeting of the aforesaid organization, held pursuant to the by-laws and regulations of the said organization, they were authorized and directed to apply for incorporation. That the said organization holds, or desires to hold, property in common, for a religious, educational, social, fraternal, charitable or other eleemosynary purpose, or any two or more of said purposes, and is not organized for the purpose of profit or gain to the members, otherwise than is above stated, or for the insurance of life, health, accident or property; and that three days' notice in *The State*, a newspaper published in the County of Richland, has been given that the aforesaid declaration would be filed;

And, whereas, that said declarants and petitioners further de-

clare and affirm: First, Their names and residences are as above given; Second, The name of the proposed corporation is Lutheran Board of Publication; Third, The place at which it proposes to have its headquarters, or to be located, is Columbia, S. C.; Fourth, The purpose of the said proposed corporation is to buy, or lease, or own, edit, print and publish and distribute religious newspapers, periodicals, books and literature of all kinds; manufacture, buy and sell all kinds of church and Sunday school supplies; act as agent for the distribuiton, selling or handling of advertisements, newspapers, books, tracts and literature; buy, sell, own and mortgage real estate, and all other kinds of property; Fifth, The names and residences of all managers, trustees, directors or other officers are as follows: W. P. Cline, President; W. H. Greever, Secretary and Treasurer; Sixth, That they desire to be incorporated in perpetuity.

Now, therefore, I, R. M. McCown, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and acts amendatory thereto, do hereby declare the said organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the limitations and liabilities, authorized by the said Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and acts amendatory thereto.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State, this 7th day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and nine, in the one hundred and thirty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

(Seal.)

R. M. McCOWN,
Secretary of State.

Recorded March 23, 1909.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS.

The report of Mr. P. C. Price, as Treasurer of the Property Fund, will show the status of that department of our work, including purchases, improvements, income, expenses and indebtedness. The fact that we have increased our property investment by over $22,000 since the last meeting of the United Synod, in a way to make the property more productive in every respect, without increasing the indebtedness by more than $10,000, is noteworthy. Especially is this so when we remember that the property has had to carry its own indebtedness, paying interest, taxes, insurance, incidental expenses, and at the same time provide for the annual deficit occasioned by the publication of the *Visitor* and *Tidings*, neither of which has ever been self-

supporting. With the property in the condition in which we now find it, and with our own printing plant, there seems to be no doubt that all deficits will be wiped out and that a liquidation fund will be provided which will meet our indebtedness.

Notwithstanding the fact that the above is true it would still not appear to be wise for the United Synod to depend solely upon this method for the liquidation of this indebtedness for two reasons: First, the usefulness of the Cause should not be impaired by handicapping it to that extent, and, second, it would be a blessing to the people to give them continuous opportunity to contribute directly to this Cause which is so vitally related to every other Cause of the Church. I, therefore, suggest the advisability of asking the United Synod to recommend to congregations and Sunday-schools the propriety of an annual offering for the Publication Cause, to be taken at such time and in such way as the United Synod may designate.

W. H. Greever,
Manager.

The status of the Board's finances in its current business is exhibited in the following summary from the report of the Treasurer:

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD.

September 1, 1909.

ASSETS.

Merchandise	$ 711.81
Furniture and Fixtures	841.76
Profit and Loss	411.23
P C. Price, Treasurer	65.71
Editorial Library	76.47
W. P. Houseal	14.00
Customers' Accounts	1,685.52
Cash	124.99
Job Work	99.39
Insurance	33.50
Writer Press	204.80
	$4,269.18

LIABILITIES.

Hymnal	$ 515.93
Charts	266.70
E. C. Cronk, Salary Account	7.50
Rent	700.00
Creditors' account	2,061.68

Japan for Christ	27.67
Bills Payable	625.00
Traveling Expenses	60.00
Morning Service	4.70
	$4,269.18

August 1, 1910.

ASSETS.

Merchandise	$ 918.90
Insurance	67.00
Furniture and Fixtures	774.77
Profit and Loss	2,494.73
P. C. Price, Treasurer	111.71
Job Work	92.31
Writer Press	164,18
Editorial Library	125.97
Sunday-school Hymnal	1.13
W. P. Houseal	3.15
Customers' Accounts	1,715.92
Cash on Hand	493.73
Property Fund	69.52
Consignment	31.01
	$7,064.03

LIABILITIES.

Bills Payable	$3,000.00
Hymnal	551.94
Charts	266.70
Morning Service	54.17
Japan for Christ	27.92
Creditors' Accounts	3,148.95
Scripture Lessons	14.35
	$7,064.03

W. H. GREEVER, Treasurer.

The following resolutions were passed by the Board at its last meeting:

1. *Resolved*, That the reports to the Board made by the Treasurer and the Manager be incorporated in the report of the Board to the United Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That this Board, in its request to the United Synod, shall give expression of its confidence in the zeal, wisdom

and consecration of the Manager, Rev. W. H. Greever, and of its hearty appreciation of the great service that he is unselfishly rendering to the Church.

The Board of Publication makes the following

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the United Synod approve the actions of this Board.
2. That the United Synod appoint a committee to confer with similar committees or boards of other Lutheran Bodies with a view to preparing a series of Common Sunday-school lessons and helps for the use of Lutheran Sunday-schools.
3. That the United Synod recommend to its congregations and Sunday-schools that one offering be made annually in such manner and at such time as the United Synod may designate for the benefit of the Publication Cause of the United Synod, the proceeds from such offering to be applied by the Board of Publication as it deems best.

W. P. CLINE, President.

The Committee on Sunday School Hymnal reported. Report was adopted:

Report of Committee on Sunday School Hymnal.

Your committee has examined the Hymnal for the Sunday School, edited by Rev. E. C. Cronk. It contains opening and closing services based on the Matin Service, 12 Psalms and canticles, about 200 hymns set to 219 tunes, and copious indexes. The music for the service is simple and dignified. Most of the hymns are standard, singable tunes. There is also an intermingling of a judicious selection of songs and tunes of the character generally sung in Sunday schools, and also a good selection of songs adapted to the small children. The book commends itself to our favorable judgment. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the United Synod approve the "Hymnal for the Sunday School" and recommend its use by the Sunday schools within its bounds.

A. G. VOIGT,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
CHAS. K. BELL,
Committee.

The Committee on Treasurer's Report submitted the following, which was adopted:

Report of Committee to Audit Treasurer's Account.

To the President and Members of United Synod:

Brethren: Your committee appointed to audit Treasurer's accounts respectfully report that they have carefully examined the report of C. H. Duls, Treasurer of the United Synod, and find the same to be correct, all disbursements being evidenced by proper vouchers.

As to the special funds of the United Synod in the hands of the treasurer, we have to report that the "F. P. Cover fund" of $10,000 apparently is safely invested, and that the "Kate E. Drafts fund" of $5,000, and the "S. C. Swigert fund" of $2,000, are deposited in bank, according to agreement, the interest-bearing certificates of deposit being filed with the report.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. BOWMAN.
H. L. BONHAM.

The Committee on District Synods reported. Report adopted:

Report of Committee on District Synods.

Your committee has, from the minutes of the respective district synods, and from other reliable sources, gathered the following facts which show these bodies have made in the last biennium a steady and decided advance along all lines of Church work in keeping with our understanding of the Master's plan and instruction. Our faith is fixed in the simple word of God, hence it must be a simple yet all comprehending faith, starting out with the fact that the Triune God comes to fallen men in the sacrament of baptism, desiring to enter into an everlasting covenant with Him that He will save all those, who having been baptized, believe and trust in Him. This cardinal faith all the district synods have emphasized, with the result that last year 1,704 souls were added to the Church of Christ of such as are being saved. The next step in developing these into Christian soldiers, viz: catechising, has been carefully attended to by the respective district synods, and an increasing number of catechumens have been reported. Since Christ's commission to all pastors is, "Teach all things whatsoever I have commanded you,"

we are not left the privilege of teaching for doctrine the commandments of men. "Catechise a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," is our hope of the final result. This makes it possible for every baptized person to be admitted into communion relations with Christ. It is with great pleasure that we find the district synods working by the same rule and minding the same things. It is reasonable to expect of the district synods thus doing their duty, that they are ready for every good work. The Sunday school cause has received much attention in all the synods. Normal work is being introduced into the Sunday schools. The Lord's Supper has been regularly administered and has been participated in by 90 per cent. of the communicant members. This is commendable.

Fruitage—The Master says, "Every branch that beareth not fruit shall be cut off, and he that beareth fruit shall be purged." We note, with pleasure, that all the district synods have arranged for all the members to have part in this fruit bearing, beginning with the cradle roll, and embracing all the congregation, the children, the young people, the women and the men. Benevolence, based on Christ's command, "Love your neighbor as yourself," seems to be the watchword, and wonderful strides have been made by all the synods along this line The time has come for the United Synod to expect greater things from her district synods. Our people are honoring the Lord with their substance as never before. Each district synod has recorded large and timely gifts of benevolence. The forward movement of our women, in which they attempted to raise twenty thousand dollars, has resulted in their raising over this amount. The Laymen's Movement is developing into a strong help in the Lord's cause. Education is receiving increasing attention in all the district synods. The zeal of the cause of education has called out large and increasing liberality among our members and friends. This liberality has put our colleges and church schools on a safe financial basis, and has made it possible for all of them to enlarge their borders and strengthen their stakes until there is no longer any fear felt that the State schools will overshadow and crush out the church schools. Roanoke College finds her current expenses met and a surplus on hand. New and commodious buildings have been erected at great cost. Newberry College finds herself happy in new buildings and equipment and an increase of faculty, which enables her to do more and better work than hitherto. Lenoir College, the youngest of our colleges, is no longer behind her sister colleges, either in suitable

quarters, or in strength of faculty, or of patronage. Her opening, just held, is the fullest and happiest in her history.

By action of the North Carolina Synod, at her recent session, her educational interests may become consolidated with Lenoir College. This is much to be hoped for and to be prayed for.

Loyalty—We note with pleasure that each district synod, by resolution, has agreed to assume her full share of the obligations of the United Synod.

Respectfully, your committee,

W. A. LUTZ,
Z. W. BEDENBAUGH,
W. P. CLINE,
M. G. M. FISHER.

The Committee on Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home submitted the following, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on the Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home.

Your committee on the report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home would report as follows:

1. We are pleased to note from the report of the President of the Corporation the continued growth of the Home and the improvements made during the last biennium, such as the fitting up of two infirmary rooms, the receiling of the dining room and lobby, and the repainting of the school rooms. It is especially gratifying that with the increasing number of children entering the Home, funds ample for their support have been available, showing the abiding interest of our people in this institution. At the same time we commend the administration for its economical conduct of the Home and its devotion to the children under its care.

2. We are gratified to learn of the two legacies to the home, the one by the Rev. W. S. McClanahan, of Virginia, the other by Mr. J. A. Efird, of North Carolina, and express the hope that there will be others who will be induced to follow their example.

3. We would call the attention of the Church to the fact that the children are not only cared for in body and mind but that their spiritual interests are carefully looked after as is evidenced by the confirmation of seven from the Home on last Palm Sunday.

4. We would nominate the following as members of the Corporation to fill classes 1911 and 1912:

Class 1911, L. A. Fox, C. Markley, J. E. Cooper, J. W. Eberly, R. C. Holland. Class 1912, A. L. Henkel, Paul Sieg, J. Frank Clemmer, J. H. Marsteller, I. V. Yonce. To fill vacancy in class 1915, G. S. Bowers, and vacancy in class 1913, Bruffy Strickler.

5. Since the report calls our attention to the fact that the Rev. W. S. McClanahan, founder of the Orphan Home, has been called to his reward, we suggest that we hereby place on record our appreciation of his inauguration of and continued interest in the work of the Home, and, as a further mark of our regard for his memory that this report be adopted by a rising vote.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. BOWERS,
C. A. FREED,
J. A. CROMER,
JNO. F. FICKEN,
A. H. KOHN.

Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home.

Since our last report to your body we have had two prosperous and pleasant years at your Orphan Home in Salem, Va. On the whole they have been the most satisfactory in its history. The number of children and the efficiency of the work have increased. Successful management of an institution, as large as ours has grown to be, comes only from experience and we have learned with the passing years how to make the minor details of its operation more effective. Superintendent Crabtree has been reelected at each annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. He has six very efficient assistants who are in the work simply because they are devoted to it. They are all the management could desire. The officers of the corporation, and ex-officio officers of the Board of Trustees, are L. A. Fox, President; A. M. Bowman, Vice President; R. W. Kime, Secretary, and Ivan V. Yonce, Treasurer. These officers constitute the executive committee, which meets regularly each month to audit all accounts, to order all payments, and transact all business which properly belongs to such a body. The average number of children at the home during the biennium has been 80. There are today 90. Of these the average for the two years is 45 girls and 30 boys. The girls are dismissed at 18 and the boys at 16 years of age. At the time of the last annual meeting of the Board we had 51 children from Virginia, 13 from North Carolina, 8 from West Virginia, 3 from Tennessee, 3 from South Carolina and 2 from Georgia.

We have made some repairs and improvements. The front balconies had become rotten and ugly and dangerous. New ones were put up at the expense of the Home. The dining room and lobby were receiled with beautiful metallic ceiling at the expense of some silent friend. The school rooms were repainted by some Salem friends. The spouting, which had become defective and injurious, was replaced by the Board. There are still other repairs needed and especially the repainting of the outside of the center building. Two infirmary rooms have been fitted up, one by the Sunday school of the Church of the Ascension in Savannah, and the other by Mr. Marsteller, of Roanoke. The Board, in obedience to the laws of Virginia, ordered a new fire escape which will cost $175.

The total receipts in cash for the year closing June, 1909, were $6,225.70, and the disbursements for all purposes were $5,552.23. For this year the treasurer reports: Receipts from former treasurer $762.37, cash $6,074.04. Total $6,836.55. Disbursements: Monthly expenses $5,312.48; on note for heating plant $400; interest and discounts $20.56. Cash on hand $920.41. The expenses for the year were therefore $5,906.04. The average current expense per month is about $442. During the past year the estimated value of gifts in food and clothing is $600. The cost per child per month is about $6.30. From our books we could easily give a minute detailed statement of our accounts but the synod has no time to hear it. During the last two years the Home was given a tract of mountain land valued at $1,500 by Rev. W. S. McClanahan, who was the founder of the Home. Mr. J. A. Efird, of Winston, N. C., left a legacy of $500, which will be devoted to the purchase of some lots that are contiguous to the Home and which will soon be needed for cottages. We will before very long be compelled to have more room. We do not need an endowment. Consecrated hearts in sympathy with destitute children is a sufficient endowment. But we need larger gifts by bequests and otherwise to erect new buildings for cottages and workshops. The debt on the heating plant—now about $1,800—is being reduced. An error slipped somehow into the published report of the Home two years ago about the funds on hand. Instead of $1,500 the fund was only $500. We are making personal appeals and we have had gratifying responses. We hope to pay off the debt within the next year.

On last Palm Sunday seven children were confirmed in College church. Just as from thousands of homes there go out some who are sad disappointments, so from the Orphan Home. But we have sent out many who have made very useful citizens and the number is increasing.

The persons nominated by the Synod to fill vacancies in the corporation have been elected. The members of the classes of 1911 and 1912 will expire before the next regular meeting of your body. Of 1915 Rev. S. L. Keller has resigned because of locating in Nebraska. Paul S. Davis, of 1913, has died. Their successors ought to be nominated during the present convention. For the sake of convenience and reference, we will give the entire list: L. A. Fox, C. Markley, J. E. Cooper, J. W. Eberly, R. C. Holland, A. L. Henkel, Paul Sieg, J. Frank Clemmer, J. H. Marsteller, I. V. Yonce, H. S. Trout, R. W. Kime, H. F. Scheele, J. H. Wilson, L. G. M. Miller, J. P. Houtz, A. D. R. Hancher, C. B. Miller, J. P. Gose, F. V. N. Painter, A. M. Bowman, M. M. Kinard, L. L. Smith, S. L. Keller.

We would like to suggest that some suitable action be taken in regard to the death of him who laid the foundation of our work for orphans here in the South

L. A. FOX,
President of the Corporation.

The following, presented by Hon. C. M. Efird, was adopted:

Authority for, and How to Borrow Funds to Complete the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the Central Executive Committee (which was appointed by the Joint Commission created by resolution adopted by the United Synod on October 8th, 1908) be hereby authorized to borrow whatever sums of money may be needed to pay for the erection and complete equipment of the main or administration building to be constructed near Columbia, S. C., for our Theological Seminary, and that said committee be further authorized to pledge as security for the same all notes taken for subscriptions to the building fund, as well as all such subscriptions and other securities available for the building fund, including our real estate in Mount Pleasant, S. C.; and that the notes and obligations for such loans shall be executed by the chairman of said Central Executive Committee and the treasurer of said building fund: Provided, That the amount so borrowed for the erection of the said building and its complete equipment, together with the cash contributions, shall not at any time exceed the principal sum of fifty thousand dollars.

The Committee on Theological Seminary reported on the "Report of the Board of Directors" as follows, which was adopted:

Report of Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, chosen at the last convention of the United Synod, organized promptly and elected the following named members as its officers, viz:

Rev. J. H. Wilson, D. D., as President.
Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., as Vice-President.
John F. Ficken, as Secretary.
C. M. Efird, as Treasurer.

The attendance of students at the Seminary during the session of 1908-1909 comprised sixteen students in all, viz: five seniors, six middle class and five juniors. At the close of the session the five seniors received certificates of graduation. During the session the two regular professors were assisted by the gratuitous services of Rev. C. Armand Miller, D. D., Rev. W. A. C. Mueller, and Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., who lectured on special subjects.

At the session of 1909-1910 there were fourteen students in attendance, viz: six seniors, five middle classmen, and three juniors. The entire senior class, consisting of six students, received certificates of graduation at the close of the session. The regular professors were assisted during the session by the gratuitous services of Rev. C. Armand Miller, D. D., Rev. W. A. C. Mueller, and Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, who delivered at stated times special lectures.

The Board of Directors further report that owing to the uncertainty of the time of the proposed removal of the Seminary from Mount Pleasant, S. C., they have not deemed it prudent to exercise the power to make sale of the Seminary property heretofore vested in them by the United Synod. Had they endeavored to do so it is doubtful whether acceptable prices could have been obtained owing to the depression in the prices of real estate located in that vicinity.

The Board submits the following summary of the last annual report of the Treasurer, viz:

1909. *Investment Account.*

May 1.	To amount of corpus of invested fund.. ..	$32,225.62
	To cash from H. Thornburg..	5.00
Nov. 25.	To cash from estate C. L. Bachman..	25.00
1910.		
April 15.	Total corpus..	$32,255.62

	By amount of loans	31,103.70
	Balance	$ 1,151.92

1909. *Income Account.*

May 1.	To balance of income on hand	$ 763.54
	To income received by Treasurer during the year ending April 15, 1910	3,183.47
	Total	$ 3,947.01

1910.

	By cash paid out during current year	$ 3,800.18
April 15.	By balance of income on hand	146.83
		$ 3,947.01

The receipts from the invested funds being insufficient to meet the expenses we recommend the following annual synodical apportionment, viz:

North Carolina Synod	$133
Tennessee Synod	100
South Carolina Synod	143
Virginia Synod	120
Southwestern Virginia Synod	87
Georgia Synod	66
Holston Synod	17
Mississippi Synod	5

It affords us pleasure to report that since the last convention of the United Synod the Seminary has been made the grateful recipient of donations as follows, viz:

Mrs. S. C. Swigert of Forest, Miss., has by deed donated to the United Synod in trust for the Seminary two thousand dollars. By the terms of the deed this amount was placed on deposit in a bank in Forest, Miss., there to remain during the pleasure of Mrs. Swigert. The income therefrom is to be paid her during the term of her natural life and thereafter is to be applied to the education in our Seminary of students from the State of Mississippi, and failing such students, to those coming from other States. The deed is in the custody of the Treasurer of the United Synod.

Mrs. Kate E. Drafts, of Eastover, S. C., donated the sum of five thousand dollars for the permanent endowment fund of the Seminary in memory of her deceased husband, George Michael Drafts, who before his death had expressed the wish that a part

of his estate should be donated to our institution. This donation was received by the Dean and by him paid over to the Treasurer of the United Synod.

As this donation was intended for the use of the Seminary and is to form a part of its permanent endowment fund, the Board requests that the same with such interest as has accrued thereon be paid to the Treasurer of the Seminary to be held and disposed of in accordance with the terms of the gift.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WILSON, President.

Report of Committee on Theological Seminary.

Your standing committee on Theological Seminary begs to submit the following:

1. The report of the Board of Directors furnishes evidence of the satisfactory condition of the institution, limitations and difficulties duly considered, the efficient work done by the faculty and the students, and the faithful and judicious management of the affairs of the Seminary on the part of the Board.

2. It is deemed proper that the Synod should express its appreciation of the valuable services gratuitously rendered by the several pastors mentioned in the report.

3. The committee notes with unfeigned pleasure that two substantial donations were received by the Board during the biennium and duly acknowledged in the report in hand. Sincerely grateful to the donors for their generous benefactions, we commend their examples to other holders of large possessions, praying that they also may realize that their wealth is God's and is only held by them in trust for His use.

4. We recommend that the district synods be requested to assume the apportionments as suggested in the report of the Board.

5. We recommend that the request made in the concluding paragraph of the report be granted. (See last paragraph of the preceding).

6. We recommend that the report of the Board of Directors be adopted as a whole.

7. The following are hereby nominated to constitute the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South for the ensuing biennium:

Clerical—R. C. Holland, D. D.; M. G. G. Scherer, D. D.; W. A.

Deaton, M. O. J. Kreps, J. H. Wilson, D. D., C. A. Freed, V. Y. Boozer.

Lay—J. F. Ficken, Esq., C. M. Efird, Esq., Geo. B. Cromer, Esq., J. A. Meetze, J. D. Cappelmann, Esq., J. E. Cooper, A. H. Kohn.

Respectfully,

M. J. EPTING,
J. HENRY HARMS,
W. A. SNYDER,
S. T. SHANK,
AMBROSE L. HENKEL.

Nominees were elected.

The President of Synod asked, and obtained leave of absence after this evening's session.

Synod adjourned, with the benediction by the President.

At 8 p. m. Vesper services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., and Rev. T. W. Shealy made an address on Theological Seminary, and Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D. D., on The Publication Cause. Closing services by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1910, 9 A. M.

Synod was called to order, and devotional services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Lutz.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions submitted their report. It was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

We, the Committee on Letters and Petitions, beg leave to report that we have received the following communications addressed to the United Synod:

1. Two requests, the one from the Virginia Synod and the other from the North Carolina Synod, both asking the United Synod to publish a music edition of the Book of Worship as speedily as possible. We recommend that this request be granted.

2. An invitation from the Young Men's Christian Association, of Richmond, Va., to this body to visit and enjoy the new building of this association. We recommend that the thanks of this body be extended to this association for such courtesy.

3. Two invitations, the one from the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., the other from St. Paul's, Columbia, S. C., each inviting the United Synod to hold its next biennial session in its church. To the former invitation are added three telegrams addressed to this body, the one from the Mayor of Atlanta, one from its President of the Chamber of Commerce, and one from the Federation of Trades, uniting in the invitation of the congregation. We recommend that the Synod now proceed to ballot on these two invitations and also that the time for the opening of the next meeting be fixed for the Tuesday after the second Sunday in November, 1912.

4. A petition from the First English Lutheran church of Richmond, Va., asking for financial aid in the sum of $10,000 to assist them in liquidating their debt of $28,000. We recommend that the United Synod commend this worthy cause to the favorable consideration of our District Synods, congregations and individuals.

5. A recommendation to the United Synod from the North Carolina Synod to prepare and adopt a United Synod official edition of Luther's Small Catechism, with explanatory questions and answers with proof texts. We recommend that it is impracticable to comply with this request.

Respecfully submitted,
R. A. YODER,
W. A. SNYDER,
S. P. KOON,
A. G. WISE,
M. L. RUDISILL.

Under Item 3, the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., was chosen as our next place of meeting. The time—Tuesday after the second Sunday in November, 1912, at 8 p. m.

The following report was adopted:

Report of Committee to Nominate Official Visitors to Other Lutheran General Bodies.

Your committee to nominate fraternal delegates to other Lutheran General Bodies would suggest:

That the official delegate to the next convention of the General Council be Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., with Rev. S. S. Rahn, D. D., as alternate, and that the official delegate to the next

convention of the General Synod be Rev. C. A. Freed, with Rev. T. O. Kiester, D. D., as alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. R. HANCHER,
M. O. J. KREPS,
PAUL SIEG.

The Report of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension submitted the following, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

The report of the Board of Home Missions shows careful consideration of the work entrusted to it, and much commendable work was done. Your committee having noted carefully the facts reported by the Board, recommend:

1. That the Board furnish a copy of the charter secured by the Board for publication in the Minutes of Synod.

2. With reference to the Olympia Mills, we suggest that the matter be left to the discretion of the Board after they have corresponded with the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Synod.

3. With reference to a request for instructions concerning the credit of the expenditure of local funds on local work, we recommend that local funds expended on local work shall not be accredited on United Synod apportionment.

4. With reference to the request of the Board for authority to employ a Field Secretary, we heartily agree, and recommend that the Board be instructed to employ a secretary at a salary to be fixed by the Board, whose duties shall be those usually incident to such office; and the Board be advised as soon as practicable to engage him as missionary pastor at some mission point.

5. We recommend the raising of $10,000 annually for Home Missions, and $5,000 annually for Church Extension, and that these amounts be apportioned to the churches.

6. In order to secure greater efficiency, and at the same time greater economy in the administration of the Home Mission work the Home Mission Board be composed of five members, so located that the meetings may be more frequent and at less expense.

7. That one corresponding member be appointed from each of the District Synods not represented on this Board, and that the President of the District Synod be such corresponding member.

8. We nominate as the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for our next biennium the following: Rev. Robt. L. Patterson, Rev. C. L. Miller, Judge B. B. Miller, Prof. Chas. E. Boger, Rev. V. Y. Boozer.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. McCULLOUGH,
L. A. FOX,
S. S. RAHN,
W. P. HUDDLE,
C. L. MILLER,
J. R. HOWORTH,
D. N. AKARD,
J. D. CAPPLEMANN.

Report of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension as created, constituted and elected, at the last convention of the United Synod, which met in Savannah, Ga., October 7-10, 1908, met at the call of the chairman in Charlotte, N. C., December 30, 1908, and effected an organization by electing officers as follows:

President—Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., Lincolnton, N. C.

Secretary—Rev. W. H. Riser, Norfolk, Va.

Treasurer—Mr. J. M. Rhodes, Lincolnton, N. C.

The following members were present: Revs. R. A. Yoder, D. D.; T. O. Keister, D. D., W. H. Riser, J. E. Shenk, T. W. Shealy, W. H. Roof, Dr. Geo. B. Cromer.

The officers of the Board, together with Revs. T. O. Keister and J. E. Shenk, constitute the executive committee of the Board.

During the month of March, 1909, the Board secured through Dr. Geo. B. Cromer a charter from the State of South Carolina. The charter title of the body is, "The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod." The treasurer, Mr. J. M. Rhodes, executed a bond to the Board in the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500) and received from the Board of Missions and Church Extension, through the president of the Board of Home Missions, all funds, securities and other property belonging to the newly created Board of Home Missions.

The following committee appointed by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, viz: Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.,

Rev. W. A. Deaton and Mr. John A. Cline, made the transfer of property to this Board as follows:

Whereas, According to the action of the United Synod, at Savannah, Ga., in the creation of a special Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to transfer to the said Board of Home Missions and Church Extension that part of the assets held by the original Board of Missions and Church Extension which belongs to the Home Mission and Church Extension deparment. Therefore, we, the committee appointed to effect this transfer, do hereby transfer:

1. All the money now in the Home Mission treasury, this the 13th day of December, 1908, to wit, $287.92.

2. All the money in Church Extension treasury, to wit, $1,129.59

3. From Foreign Mission League, $417.30.

4. We also agree, on benalf of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, to turn over to the said Board of Home Missions and Church Extension whatever funds may come into the hands of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, which shall properly belong to the Home Mission and Church Extension department.

5. We agree also that the said Board of Home Missions and Church Extension shall have access to the archives which have accumulated during the eighteen years past, and now held by us in the name of the original board.

6. All obligat.ons on behalf of Home Missions have been discharged for the year 1908.

Signed
ROBERT C. HOLLAND,
W. A. DEATON,
JOHN A. CLINE.

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

In addition to the above the following documents were received from the Board of Missions and Church Extension through the president, Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., namely:

1. Augsburg church, Winston, N. C. (a). Mortgage deed, original purchase of the Moravian Brethren, dated October 30, 1895, with receipts. (b). Mortgage to the Board of Missions, August 2, 1902. (c). Certain articles of agreement between the congregation and the Board of Missions.

2. Fitzgerald, Ga. (a). Warranty deed to lot and plat of the city of Fitzgerald. (b). Mortgage deed by the congregation to the Board of Missions and note for $250. (c). (There is a deed in the hands of Lawyer Shearouse, of Fitzgerald, Ga.)

3. Greeneville, Tenn. (a). Mortgage by congregation to Board of Missions for $300, money advanced by Board.

4. Morristown, Tenn. (a). Agreement with Messrs. VanHuss and release by them of claim of $500 against the property. (b). Certain pledges on salary by Greeneville and Morristown.

5. Knoxville, Tenn. (a). Mortgage deed by the congregation to the Board of Missions for $4,000.00, October 2nd, 1890. (b). Certain notes cancelled as paid of purchase price of lot and church.

6. Augusta, Ga. (a). Mortgage deed of Holy Trinity congregation to the Board of Missions, July 20, 1887, $2,500.00.

7. Richmond, Va. (a). Petition for and the decree of the court granting the right to sell the property on corner of Grace and Seventh streets, Richmond, Va. (b). Mortgage of Rev. W. C. Schaeffer on said property for $8,080 to Green and Allen, dated February 3rd, 1876. (c). Certain cancelled notes of Rev. W. C. Schaeffer covered by mortgage aforesaid. (d). Sundry papers of correspondence.

8. Pledge of St. Mark's to return loan of $200.00 on certain conditions. (Goodman, Miss.)

9. Spartanburg, S. C., Memorial church. (a). Bond of trustees for the return within five years from date thereof, to wit: January 20th, 1907, the sum of $500.00 loaned from the Church Extension fund.

10. Norfolk, Va. (a). Deed of mortgage for three thousand ($3,000.00) dollars, given by the congregation to the Board of Missions, August 31st, 1896. (b). The agreement upon which the mortgage above named was given.

11. Newport News, Va. (a). Mortgage deed to Dr. L. L. Smith for $4,000. (This deed is now held by the Board of Missions and Church Extension to secure the board for the balance paid by the Board to Dr. Smith of $2,059.04). (b). Agreement for the transfer of said mortgage to the Board of Missions, to secure the $2,059.04 on certain conditions. (c). The receipt of Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., in full of the balance of the $2,059.04 as paid him by the Board for the congregation.

12. Dr. Kunzmann and Alabama. (a). Proposition and correspondence. (General Council.)

13. Dr. Hartman in re Tenn. west of 86:30. (Correspondence.) (General Synod.)

14. Birmingham, Ala. (Correspondence.) *Important.*

Thus organized, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension entered upon its new duties. The missions as they had

been arranged by the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and the missionaries at the various points, and at the salaries formerly paid, were continued as far as possible, namely:

1. Bristol, Rev. K. Y. Umberger, salary.. .. ..$ 250.00
2. Pulaski-Radford, Rev. G. H. Rhodes.. .. .. 280.00
3. Bluefield-Graham, Rev. C. R. W. Kegley.. .. .. 320.00
4. Morristown-Greeneville, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D. 450.00
5. Olympia Mills, Rev. C. E. Weltner, D. D.. .. .. 200.00
6. Spartanburg, Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D.. .. .. 120.00
7. Goodman Miss., Rev. J. L. Derrick.. .. .. 180.00
8. Louisville, Miss., Rev. J. L. Buck.. .. .. 180.00

Bristol.—The church at Bristol has been completed and is a beautiful, well arranged structure and sufficiently commodious for years to come. This mission has been vacant for several months through the resignation of Rev. K. Y. Umberger. Recently the Southwest Virginia Synod has called Rev. J. W. Link, who entered upon his work June 1st. The appropriation of $250 for this point is continuod.

Pulaski-Radford.—This mission asks no aid from the Board of Home Missions for the ensuing year. The Southwest Virginia Synod has placed a field missionary in charge of this work.

Bluefield-Graham.—This work, under the efficient services of Rev. C. R. W. Kegley, is progressing well and has a bright outlook.

Morristown-Greeneville.—On January 1st, 1910, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., resigned this work. The mission has been vacant since that time. Supply services have been rendered Morristown during this period by pastors of the Holston Synod. The Board stands ready to continue its support for this field whenever the executive committee of the Holston Synod calls and secures a man for this work. Negotiations are now in progress and no doubt the mission will soon be supplied.

Olympia Mills.—The efficient labors of Rev. C. E. Weltner have not been relaxed in this important work during the biennium. And it is with special pleasure that the Board records its hearty approval of this undertaking. The appropriation of $200.00 per annum is continued to December 31, 1910. The Board requests that it be relieved of this appropriation after that date.

Spartanburg.—This work under the self-denying labors of Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., is making itself felt in this important and growing city. The appropriation of $120.00 per annum is continued to December 31, 1910.

Goodman and Louisville, Mississippi.—These points became vacant during the past year by the resignation of Rev. J. L. Der-

rick at Goodman in September, 1909, and of Rev. J. L. Buck at Louisville in January, 1910. The Board is ready to aid the Mississippi Synod in the support of missionaries for these points whenever arrangements are made to call men and place them in the field.

THE NEW WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOARD.

Brunswick.—The Board upon the recommendation of the United Synod took up the work at this point and made an appropriation of $3,000.00 toward the erection of a house of worship. A splendid church has been completed and the work is progressing well under the care of Rev. S. L. Nease. The mission is under the supervision of the Georgia Synod. The Board has paid $2,000.00 of the $3,000.00 appropriated and owes the remaining $1,000.00 due in September, 1910. After the paying of this last amount the Board of Missions will be relieved of further financial obligations.

Greensboro.—Also at the recommendation of the United Synod the Board took up this point. Work here had been prosecuted for several years by the synodical missionary of the North Carolina Synod, Rev. J. L. Morgan, who had organized a congregation. On the 5th of April, 1910, the Board bought a large and well-located lot in Greensboro suitable for a church and parsonage for the sum of $4,000.00. There is a house occupied by the missionary on the property. The mission is under the supervision of the North Carolina Synod. Rev. J. E. Shenk was called to this point by the executive committee of the North Carolina Synod, the call being approved by the Board, and entered upon his work June 1st, 1910. The Board pays the salary of $900.00. $2,475.00 of the $4,000.00 obligation for the lot has been paid, leaving a balance due by notes secured by mortgage on the property of $1,525.00, the first payment of which is due October 8, 1910. All moneys raised by the congregation to be applied on church building fund.

Lenoir.—The Board made an appropriation of $2,000.00 toward the erection of a house of worship at this place. The building, a well arranged, commodious brick structure, is under way in the hands of contractors. It is hoped that the house will be completed this fall. This mission is under the supervision of the North Carolina Conference of the Tennessee Synod. Rev. J. A. Yount is the pastor in charge of this work and is meeting with much encouragement. The amount appropriated for the church, $2,000.00, has been paid in full. The Board pays on the salary of the missionary at this point $400.00 per year.

Lexington.—An appropriation of $500.00 was made to help liquidate the debt on the church at this place. $100.00 has been paid, and $100 to be paid each year for four years on January 1st of each year.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE UNITED SYNOD.

The following items were unanimously acted upon by the Board to be presented to the United Synod for action:

1. The Board desires a ruling from the United Synod upon a question presented to it by three of the District Synods, to wit: Shall the Board of Home Missions credit to the District Synods on the United Synod apportionment for Home Missions, moneys expended by the District Synod on its own territory for Home Missions?

2. Your Board unanimously recommends that it be authorized to employ a field secretary and that the United Synod fix the amount of remuneration he shall receive.

3. We recommend that the Board be authorized to raise $7,500 annually for Home Missions, and $5,000.00 for Church Extension, and that these amounts be apportioned to the District Synods.

4. Your Board requests that it be made a binding regulation of the United Synod, that no missoinary in the Board's employ vacate his field for any length of time without the knowledge and consent of the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT, JAN. 14, 1909, TO SEPT. 1, 1910

J. M. Rhodes. Treasurer, in Account With Mission League Fund.

1909.			
Jan.	14.	To amt. from Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D.	$ 417.30
		To amt. from Jno. A. Cline, Treasurer.	332.52
			$ 749.82
1910.			
Mch.	29	By amt. loaned Mission Fund	$ 749.82
1909.		*Church Extension Fund.*	
Jan.	14.	To amt. from Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D.	$ 1,129.59
		To amt. from South Carolina Synod.	241.20
		To amt. from Georgia Synod.	140.56
		To amt. from Holston Synod	56.0)
		To amt. from F. P. Cover & Sons.	25.00
		To amt. from Hyler Bequest.	70.00
			$ 1,662.38

CR.

By amt. paid Jno. A. Cline, Treas., interest..	$ 360.00
Balance loaned Mission Fund..	1,302.38
	$ 1,662.38

1909. HOME MISSION FUND.

Jan. 14.	To amt. from Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D.. .. ..$	287.91
	To amt. from Virginia Synod	1,809.25
	To amt. from Southwest Virginia Synod..	1,074.24
	To amt. from North Carolina Synod..	1,553.31
	To amt. from Tennessee Synod..	636.33
	To amt. from South Carolina Synod..	1,039.88
	To amt. from Holston Synod..	360.24
	To amt. from Georgia Synod..	1,654.46
	To amt. from Mississippi Synod..	88.49
	To amt. from F. P. Cover & Sons..	25.00
	To amt. borrowed from League Fund..	749.82
	To amt. borrowed from Church Ext. Fund..	1,302.38
		$10,581.31

CR.

By amt. paid S. W. Virginia Synod missions..$	1,041.82
By amt. paid North Carolina Synod Missions.	2,378.10
By amt. paid Tennessee Synod Missions..	2,333,31
By amt. paid South Carolina Synod Missions	558.30
By amt. paid Holston Synod Missions..	474.95
By amt. paid Georgia Synod Missions... ..	2,010.16
By amt. paid Mississippi Synod Missions.. ..	342.50
By amt. paid expenses Board meetings..	253.74
By amt. paid for stationery..	50.15
By amt. paid premium on bond....	20.00
By amt. paid for charter..	8.50
Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1910..	1,109.78
	$10,581.31

By action of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER, President.
W. H. RISER, Secretary.

Resolved, That by this action the United Synod puts on record its approval of a continuation of the appropriation of $200 to Olympia Mission, if in the judgment of the Board of Home Missions such appropriation can be properly made.

Resolved, That the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension be requested to devise some plan for the coordination of the Home Missionary Work as carried on by the United Synod and its various District Synods.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the charter of the Board be kept by the Treasurer of the Board.

The Committee on Report of the Board of Foreign Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Foreign Missions.

Your committee, after careful consideration of the clear and full report of the Board of Foreign Missions, would respectfully record its appreciation of the valuable statement of historic facts, the interesting record of important legal documents, and the stimulating presentation of progress and prospects in the work to which we are pledged in the Empire of Japan. We recommend:

1. That the United Synod approve the actions of the Board as presented in this report, and express its gratitude to them and its confidence in their wisdom and consecration to the work which they are conducting for us.

2. That the charter of the Board of Foreign Missions, and also that of the Mission in Japan be accepted.

3. That (3) be approved.

4. That (4) be approved.

5. That (5) be approved.

6. (a) That this United Synod extends most cordial welcome to the Rev. Arthur J. Stirewalt as its missionary now on a visit to our churches, and more especially in the capacity of messenger from the conference in Japan, and that we have heard with interest, and have been deeply impressed by his presentation of the message he has come to bear before this convention.

(b). We commend him and his cause to the whole Church in the South, and that we urge our people to respond promptly and liberally to the call which comes from Japan for an additional $25,000 in order to place the Mission School in Kumamoto upon a present and adequate working basis.

(c). That in the gathering of this fund the Board of Foreign Missions be requested to direct the Rev. Mr. Stirewalt in as thorough a visitation of our churches to present the need and the opportunity as may be possible, and be authorized to use whatever other methods may be found necessary for the speedy completion of the fund.

(7). That we rejoice at what has already been accomplished in the direction of cooperation in evangelistic work, by the various Lutheran Boards now at work in Japan, and that we authorize our Board to continue negotiations upon the basis of the plan already presented, and to secure, if possible, a favorable issue. We also authorize the Board to seek to secure the cooperation of the other Lutheran Boards, in the educational work, and empower them to act when a satisfactory plan of cooperation has been accepted by them and by the other Board or Boards concerned.

8. That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to call and send to Japan another missionary as soon as, in their discretion, this action is justified by the increasing interest of the congregations of the United Synod manifested by their support of the cause.

9. That we gratefully acknowledge the special benefactions noted in the report as well as the loving gift of every co-worker in carrying out our Lord's last command.

10. That we concur in the merited tribute of the Board to our missionaries in Japan and that we desire to commend and encourage them with the assurance of our trust in them, of our cordial sympathy with their trials and their successes, and of our purpose loyally to sustain them in the work to which they are giving their lives in our stead.

11. That we solemnly pledge ourselves to more frequent and more earnest prayer for our Board of Missions; for our missionaries and their wives and families; for our native pastors and workers; for our Japanese brethren and sisters won for Christ through their ministry, and for the blessings of God upon the cause and the work in its every department and activity; and that we pledge ourselves to more faithful and self-denying effort to meet the present pressing need, desiring to be used of God to establish and to make His kingdom a praise in the earth.

We recommend for election as members of the Board of Foreign Missions for the ensuing biennium, the Revs. Robert C. Holland, D. D., M. O. J. Kreps, W. A. Deaton, J. H. Murphy, M. J. Epting,

D. D., and Messrs. J. E. Cooper, J. M. Lichtenwanger, H. L. Bonham. Respectfully submitted,

C. ARMAND MILLER,
H. C. HAITHCOX,
T. W. SHEALY,
W. C. DAVIS,
G. W. J. SHONTZ,
J. A. ALEXANDER,
W. L. DARR.

Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

For the Biennium, October, 1908 to August 15, 1910.

BOARD ORGANIZED AND CHARTERED.

This Board was constituted at the eleventh convention of the United Synod held in Savannah, Ga., October, 1908, and with membership as follows: Robert C. Holland, W. A. Deaton, M. O. J. Kreps, J. H. Murphy, M. J. Epting, R. W. Kime, J. E. Cooper and J. M. Lichtenwanger.

This Board held its first meeting in Savannah October 10, 1908, and organized, electing officers as follows:

Robert C. Holland, *President.*
M. O. J. Kreps, *Recording Secretary.*
John A. Cline, *Treasurer.*

At the second meeting of the Board held in Charlotte, N. C., December 10, 1908, Dr. Robert C. Holland was elected General Superintendent, or General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Work, at an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, and $100 per annum was voted as compensation to Treasurer.*

The Board created an executive committee as follows: The officers of the board, together with Rev. W. A. Deaton and Mr. J. E. Cooper and Treasurer John A. Cline.

THE BOARD CHARTERED.

Pursuant to action of the Board taken December 10, 1908, this Board was legally chartered and appropriate seal secured.

The articles of incorporation are as follows:

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*See "Explanatory Note" of Treasurer, page 83.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

Whereas, Robert C. Holland, Charlotte, N. C.; M. O. J. Kreps, Prosperity, S. C., two or more of the officers or agents appointed to supervise or manage the affairs of *The Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South*, which has been duly and regularly organized, did on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1909, file with the Secretary of State a written declaration setting forth:

That a meeting of the aforesaid organization, held pursuant to the by-laws or regulations of the said organization, they were authorized and directed to apply for incorporation.

That the said organization holds, or desires to hold, property in common for a Religious, Educational, Social, Fraternal, Charitable or other eleemosynary purpose, or any two or more of said purposes, and is not organized for the purpose of profit or gain, to the members, otherwise than is now stated, or for the insurance of life, health, accident or property; and that three days' notice in *The State*, a newspaper published in the County of Richland, has been given that the aforesaid Declaration would be filed.

And whereas, That said Declarants and Petitioners further declared and affirmed:

First. Their names and residents are as above given.

Second. The name of the proposed corporation is The Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

Third. The place at which it proposes to have its headquarters or be located is Columbia, S. C.

Fourth. The purpose of the said proposed corporation is to send out and support men and women to carry the gospel to certain parts of the non-Christian world, and give general direction to the enterprise, viz: To help Evangelize the World. To this end we solicit gifts of money and legacies, meet as often as necessary, and report to the body appointing us. "The United Synod of the Lutheran Church in the South,"—and do such other work of a missionary character as the said United Synod may commit to its charge.

Fifth. The names of all Managers, Trustees, Directors or other officers are as follows:

Robert C. Holland, *President.*
M. O. J. Kreps, *Recording Secretary.*
John A. Cline, *Treasurer.*

Sixth. That they desire to be incorporated in perpetuity.

Now, therefore, I, R. M. McCown, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested, by Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby declare the said organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the limitations and liabilities, conferred by said Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto.

(SEAL.)

Given under my hand and the Seal of the State, at Columbia, this 4th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine, and in the one hundred and thirty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

R. S. McCown, *Secretary of State.*

BOARD MEETINGS.

The Board has held five regular meetings, and the Executive Committee three meetings during the biennium, and the conclusions reached have been unanimous; yet at no meeting have we had more than six members present. The absence, however, was the result of distance to be traveled, or unavoidable conflict of engagements. More frequent meetings have been obviated by correspondence with the members in regard to particular questions needing immediate attention.

OUR MISSION IN JAPAN INCORPORATED.

Our Mission in Japan, in order to hold property and transact business as a body politic, made application to the Japanese government to be constituted a juridical personage.

In pursuance of the requirements of the laws of Japan, our four missionants, Rev. Messrs. C. L. Brown, C. K. Lippard, A. J. Stirewalt and L. S. G. Miller, were constituted an "association," and as such were granted articles of incorporation.

This document is here presented in full for the information of the Church, and is interesting as illustrating the methods which Christian Missions must adopt to secure corporate right in the Empire of Japan.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

Article 1.

This Association shall be styled the Association of Missionaries in Japan of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, United States America.

Article 2.

All male missionaries of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, United States America, permanently residing in Japan, shall be eligible to membership in the Association.

Article 3.

Any member of the Association ceasing to be a member of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, United States America, permanently residing in Japan, shall thereby cease to be a member of the Association.

Article 4.

The Association shall have no legal connection with any organization or association in a foreign country, or with any organization or association in Japan that is ecclesiastical, or whose object it is to make profit by the conduct of its business.

Article 5.

1. The object of the Association shall be to own or rent (i. e. from others) and manage land, buildings and other property for the extension of Christianity, and carrying on of Christian education, and the performance of works of charity and benevolence.

2. In order to secure the Association from loss or inconvenience, when a building owned by the Association becomes vacant, it may be rented with the land on which it stands to another party; and the rent so received may be expended for the object of the Association as set forth in Article 5.

3. Buildings shall be rented from month to month or from year to year; and no building shall be rented continuously for more than seven years.

4. The amount of rents received by the Association during any one year shall not exceed yen 5,000.00.

Article 6.

1. The property of the Association will consist for the most part, of land and buildings purchased by funds contributed, either in the past or the future, by the United Synod of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, United States of America.

2. The Association may receive gifts of land, buildings and other property from other donors also.

3. No gift shall be received that is accompanied with conditions whereby it cannot be held or used in accordance with the object of the Association as set forth in Article 5.

ARTICLE 7.

The Association shall elect from its own members four directors who shall constitute the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 8.

The term of office of a Director shall be three years. But the four Directors first elected shall be divided by lot into three classes of two, one, and one respectively.

The first class shall hold office for one year; the second for two years; the third for three years from the date of the incorporation of the Association.

ARTICLE 9.

When through death, resignation, ceasing to be a member of the Association, or for any other reason, a vacancy shall occur in the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall fill such vacancy by the election of a member of the Association to fill the office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE 10.

The Board of Directors shall transact the business of the Association.

ARTICLE 11.

By a vote of the Association the Board of Directors may:

1. Acquire property for the Association by gift or purchase.

2. Rent or sell property and invest or expend the rent or the proceeds of the sale for the furtherance of the object of the Association as set forth in Article 5.

3. Transfer property to one or more juridical persons recognized by the laws of Japan, who shall hold for use the same for the furtherance of the object of the Association as set forth in Article 5.

4. Sell property and return the proceeds of the sale thereof to the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, United States of America.

ARTICLE 12.

The Board of Directors shall call a stated meeting of the Association at least once during every year. It shall also call special meetings at the request of two or more members of the Association. Notice of all meetings shall be in writing.

ARTICLE 13.

Notice of any meeting and its object shall be given at least five days before the time of meeting; but, with the consent of a majority of the members of the Association, matters may be decided regarding which previous notice has not been given. Two members present at the time and place appointed shall constitute a quorum. Absent members may vote by letter or by proxy.

ARTICLE 14.

The Association may be dissolved by a vote of three-fourths of the members. In that case the property may be transferred by the Directors to one or more juridical persons recognized by the laws of Japan, who shall hold or use the same for the furtherance of the object of the Association as set forth in Article 5; or, the property may be sold and the proceeds of the sale returned to the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, United States of America.

ARTICLE 15.

The office of the Association shall be located at Furu-Shinyashiki, Kumamoto, Kyushu.

ARTICLE 16.

These Articles of Association, subject to the sanction of the proper authorities as required in Article 38 of the Civil Code, may be changed by a vote of three-fourths of the members of the Association.

OUR PRESENT WORKING FORCE IN JAPAN.

The following presents our staff of regular workers in the mission field:

NAMES OF OUR MISSIONARIES.

Rev. C. L. Brown, D. D., Kumamoto.
Mrs. C. L. Brown, Kumamoto.
Rev. C. K. Lippard, D. D., Saga.
Mrs. C. K. Lippard, Saga.
Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, Kumamoto.
Rev. L. S. G. Miller, Fukuoka.
Mrs. L. S. G. Miller, Fukuoka.

NAMES OF OUR NATIVE WORKERS.

Rev. Yamanouchi Ryohei, ordained.
Mrs. Yamanouchi.
Rev. Naomaru, ordained.
Mrs. Naomaru.
Evangelist Wasa.
Evangelist Takahashi.
Evangelist Washiyama.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS.

Miss Mura Kikuko.
Miss Watanabe Michiyo.
Miss Nonaka Misako.

Cooperating with us are Rev. J. M. T. Winther and Rev. J. P. Nielsen, of the United Danish Synod in America. The former has removed to Kumamoto, and is a professor of theology in our Mission School; the latter remains in Kurume, a contiguous city. Our Danish brethren have a native evangelist at work in Kurume, Rev. Yonemura. The General Council has a missionary Rev. Frisby D. Smith, in Tokyo, who is seeking to shepherd such of our members as have taken up residence in that city.

We are glad to report that the work has been going steadily forward, and that our brethren have been preserved in good health; and perfect harmony and persevering fidelity have characterized their fellowship and their devotion to the difficult service to which they have been appointed.

OUR PROPERTY IN JAPAN.

We own in Omuta a chapel, named Robert G. Chisolm Memorial, purchased by St. John's church, Charletson, S. C.

We own a church in Saga, also a kindergarten building costing $1,200, and paid for by the women of our churches through the agency largely of Miss Gertrude Simpson.

We have also a lot in Saga for missionaries' home. This lot is now being put in order and will be the site of the new "Saga Home," for which the women of our churches have pledged the sum of $3,000. This home is now in process of building and will be completed in the spring of 1911. The peculiar exigencies of the case made it necessary that the Board advance funds for the immediate erection of the house, thus giving the good women further time to secure the required amount.

We are informed that the original building yet remaining on this lot will be fitted up at comparatively small cost for the residence of our kindergarten teachers, the lot being sufficiently large for the two residences.

In the city of Kumamoto we own a church and a parish home on same lot, residence of Rev. Naomaru. Here we also have a missionaries' home occupied by Rev. Dr. Brown and family. This home has been in the last year repaired and enlarged at a cost of $750. The health and comfort of the occupants make this expenditure necessary.

Here is also a commodious Japanese house rented at $153.00 per year. This has been Rev. Stirewalt's home, and has been and is sitll used as a theological seminary. Rev. Winther has just removed to Kumamoto and is occupying this house.

The Mission School ground, recently purchased, consisting of seven and three-fourth acres of ground, most eligibly located, has been purchased and title safely vested in our incorporate association (consisting of our four missionaries) at a cost, including expenses of transfer, of $13,642.95. This, as well as all other money transactions, involved cash payment.

All other properties used by our mission for homes or chapels, as in Hakata, Kumamoto, Saga, Omuta, Ogi, etc., are rented at sums ranging from five to twelve dollars per month.

OUR MISSION SCHOOL.

A lot of seven and three-fourth acres has been purchased in Kumamoto as the site for this school. The location is said to be ideal, and our mission has been highly complimented upon the bargain made. The total cost, including transfer charges, is $13,642.95. In this purchase our missionaries have made the best possible choice, and should receive the commendation of all the friends of the cause in thus laying broadly and securely the foundation of the work committed to their trust. Time will vindicate this action, though the nominal cost is in excess of original calculations. This was unavoidable under the circumstances, and was due to conditions beyond their control.

This lot must be enclosed after the manner of school properties in Japan, and there must be erected buildings commensurate with the purposes of the undertaking. This means a certain conformity to standards set by the governmental schools of similar grade. The buildings to be erected (and that as soon as possible) are an administration building estimated at $17,000, a dormitory building estimated at $15,000, and other professors' houses at cost of $800 each.

The lot has been paid for and title legally vested in our Mission duly incorporated. The balance in the treasury of this school fund is $11,357.05, counting the original amount of $25,000 subscribed as fully realized. It is true that we must allow

$1,500 of that amount as yet in unpaid subscriptions, with a possibility of final lapse. Other friends have, however, about made up this loss.

From the figures above given it is apparent that an additional $25,000 is now needed to enclose the grounds and put up necessary buildings. Less than this amount would demand a marring of the symmetry and utility of the proposed administration and dormitory buildings. The Board, therefore, must ask the United Synod to endorse the plea of our Missionary Conference and instruct the Board to authorize the prosecution of the Mission School enterprise upon the basis herein presented; and we desire to append a copy of booklet, "Kyushu Gakuin," as a supplement to our own report, with our hearty endorsement of the action as well as the appeal of our missionaries in behalf of our Mission School in Japan; for we are thoroughly convinced that the very best thing that can be done for the cause in Japan, at this time, is the founding and equipping of this Christian educational institution.

The Theological Department has found rented quarters, and has been in operation during the current year, with five students in attendance. Rev. Mr. Winther, of the Danish Synod, is one of the professors. He is assisted by Rev. Dr. Brown, Rev. Naomaru, and by Rev. A. J. Stirewalt until his departure for America.

REPORT FROM THE FIELD.

Parish Statistics.

Members enrolled during the life of the mission up to January 1, 1910, number 473 at the five stations, Saga, Kumamoto, Kurume, Omuta and Hakata.

There have been losses by removal, death, and as incident to the war with Russia, and the lack of evangelists to reap and garner the fruitage during these sixteen years. Yet though scores are scattered into unknown districts and cities, it is believed that they will carry with them the Christian impressions they received through our missionaries.

The present membership is two hundred and ninety-two. Baptisms during 1909 numbered 41. There are in all twelve Sunday-schools, with 688 scholars and 28 teachers. Preaching places are as follows: Regular, Saga 2, Kumamoto 3, Omuta 1, Hakata 1, Kurume 3. Occasional, Ogi and Arita, from Saga, and Noogata and Kanezaki, from Hakata.

There are at Ogi thirteen members and a free kindergarten of twenty scholars. We have three members at Wakatsu.

Our Theological Seminary at Kumamoto has five students.
The gain in resident membership during the biennium is 31.
Contributions for all purposes during 1909, $243.31.

OUR MISSIONARIES.

The United Synod is to be congratulated upon the personnel of our missionary force in Japan. Two of them have had an experience of ten years and over. All of them are worthy occupants of the responsible posts they have been called to fill. We have learned to repose entire confidence in their judgment and their Christian integrity. Their devotion to the cause is characterized by an uncomplaining acquiescence in the conclusions of the Board, and in the sacrifices they are compelled to endure by reason of hopes deferred. They, one and all, have been at hard work in a field commanding their best thought, their Christian fortitude, and persevering faith, Not the least of the trials which befall them is that possibly the home church does not appreciate the difficulties involved in the magnitude of the task assigned them. Their limitations thus necessitated have been borne with becoming meekness, but it is evident they have chafed sorely, and the question comes home to us who stand obligated to lend all needed aid, "Have we done our duty?" Have we met our proper obligation? How long shall we withhold the encouragement so necessary to the proper development of the work we have laid upon our men who are giving their lives to the service?

No more sacred claim is ours today than that of properly sustaining our men by promptly responding to their earnest appeals for advancement; and they are worthy for whom we should do this.

REV. A. J. STIREWALT—HIS VISIT TO THE HOME CHURCH.

After being on the mission field for four and a half years, this brother is now with us in America. He is here not on furlough, not for rest or recuperation, but as accredited commissioner from our church in Japan, with the endorsement of the Board of Foreign Missions. A crisis in the Mission School movement, in the judgment of the Mission Conference in Japan and of the Board, has made it eminently proper, if not really necessary, that one intimately identified with the movement, and thoroughly acquainted with the present conditions and needs, should come over and tell the Church all about it. He comes therefore with a message—an important message—and through him our

missionaries seek a hearing. That message has been formally presented in a brochure just issued from the press, entitled "Kyushu Gakuin." We commend it to the careful reading of all our people, and especially to those who would awake to the sacred duty in an hour of great opportunity for great service in the kingdom of our Lord and Master. This messenger from Japan comes with a burning, anxious heart. We can not but feel that his coming into our midst locates upon us, the Church at home, a responsibility in larger measure. We stand in a position which places us not only upon our honor, but upon our Christian fidelity to the cause of Christ our Lord.

THE WORLD'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

This great conference of 2,400 *commissioned delegates* from Mission Boards and Societies from the United States, the British Dominions and the various countries of continental Europe, together with representatives from various mission fields of the world, met in Edinburgh, Scotland, June 14th to 23d, 1910. The delegate from the United Synod, under commission from the Board of Foreign Missions, was the Rev. Arthur J. Stirewalt. To meet this appointment he came from Japan by way of Edinburgh and was in attendance upon all the sessions of the conference. He speaks in unmistaken terms of the high privilege accorded him and the personal profit received in being a member of this great assembly of the distinguished leaders in the missionary movements of the day.

The nine volumes soon to be issued giving the proceedings of this world's missionary conference, will constitute an invaluable accession to the literature bearing upon the subject of world-wide missions. They embody the results of painstaking and thorough investigation by experts in the various departments assigned and the conclusions presented embody the irresistible appeal of facts collected after a two years' laborious correspondence. This conference marks a great epoch in the history of the church of Christ.

APPORTIONMENT AND SPECIAL GIFTS AND METHODS.

The apportionment of $15,000 per annum, adopted by the United Synod two years ago, has not been realized in full. The anticipated benefits of the apportionment plan have been somewhat disappointing. The struggle locally to get credit on congregational apportionment and synodical apportionment, for special individual or congregational benefactions has neutralized

to some extent the hopes and plans of the Board and made it increasingly necessary to adopt sundry measures to meet the absolute expenses of the mission. Even the amount which the women's and children's societies pledge for specific purposes is, in not a few instances, claimed by congregations on their annual apportionment. This is true to a certain extent of special gifts secured by extraordinary methods adopted by the Board in order to secure adequate income. Yet this very provision puts the Board upon constant strain to press other measures to secure adequate income. Experience has taught us that we cannot look for the full amount apportioned without pressure of special and extraordinary measures, and thus agitation and increased labor are made necessary by the imperative claims of the work in Japan. We cannot relax our vigilance and correspondence for a single month, lest the treasury announce panic conditions. Our obligations are so imperative that we are forced to supplement the inadequate returns through regular channels by continued use of extraordinary methods. Even the Mission League, which has been so helpful has in many cases been broken into to ease the limping apportionment. The Laymen's Movement stands in the same line of danger. And yet we cannot stop, however much we might wish to do so. The work must go forward. It cannot be contracted to uncertain apportionment returns. The local output must measure itself by the foreign demand. There can be no sliding scale in the Japan work in accommodation to a possible failure in the apportionment. When the Foreign Mission cause ceases to grow and expand, in this day of missionary development, there is loss and failure. The responsibility lies, in our mission at least, with the home Church; hence the necessity of strenuous endeavor and special methods to marshal the home forces. We therefore foster donations on the "annuity plan," the enrollment of emergency men, as a branch of the Mission League, legacies, memorials and shares in the Mission School buildings, the "parish abroad" plan, etc. All this, however, in the earnest hope that we may secure donations too large and too obstinate to be swallowed up in a 33 1-3 per cent. apportionment.

This is the Board's explanation of its urgency and varied method; and we find that in the case of the foreign work in all the denominations in this country the felt responsibility finds expression along similar supplementary appeals and methods.

As a substitute for a monthly Foreign Mission Journal, we have availed ourselves of the generous courtesy of the *Lutheran*

Church Visitor, and also of *Tidings*, supplemented by booklets, folders and bulletins, circular letters, and personal correspondence. We have thus sought to keep the Church informed in regard to the work in Japan, and at the same time help to develop larger giving by the home Church and an increasing prayerful devotion to the cause of world-wide evangelization.

The President of the Board was authorized to publish an edition of 5,000 of the proposed booklet "Japan for Christ." (This has been done and the cost fully covered by sales.)

ANNUITY DONATION FUND.

We have now three thousand dollars in th's fund. Of this amount $2,000 is invested in our Theological Seminary real estate, and is bearing 6 per cent. interest, which is equal to the annuity we are paying. The other one thousand, received June 12, 1910, of Mrs. A. Ella Bernheim, is already upon its mission of service in Japan. We wish to largely increase this fund, which has decided advantages both to the cause we are fostering and to the annuitant. Unless the contract with annuitant expresses otherwise, the money will be put to immediate use in carrying forward the work of the mission. We trust that under the sanction of the United Synod and the guarantee of the Board, this fund may annually increase till it shall aggregate the sum of $25,000.

SPECIAL BENEFACTIONS—HONORABLE MENTION.

Among the helpers in the Foreign Mission work, who have made possible what has been done, we must mention the several hundred men and women who have assumed and fully paid the hundred dollar shares in the Japan Mission School, and especially of the brethren who gave $2,000 and $1,000 and $500 respectively.

We place on the honor roll those members of the Mission League who have held on faithfully during the six years of its history.

We wish to express our appreciation of the cordial cooperation of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the several synods where organized, and also to the young people's and children's Missionary Societies and congregational woman's societies scattered throughout the Church, and to those individuals, men and women, who have, unsolicited, sent in as thank offering and memorial, gifts of $50 and $100, and also to many others whose free will offerings were marked by Christian self-denial and love to the Master.

Mrs. Dr. Bernheim, by another annuity donation of $1,000, has given renewed evidence of her loyalty to our Southern Church and of her continued confidence in its foreign work.

The church in Winchester, Va., has advanced $400 in its mission offering, assuming support of missionary to extent of $1,200, besides that of Naomaru, one of our native ordained pastors.

We are glad to learn that St. Paul's, Wilmington, and the Church of the Redeemer, Newberry, are contemplating joining Grace Church, Winchester, "on the larger service."

St. John's, Charleston, has adopted as its "Parish Abroad" Omuta, and has paid for the chapel in that city at a cost of $375.00, and we have the promise of still larger things from old St. John's.

During the biennium there has been manifested a kindly sentiment in behalf of our Japan cause, and with the cheerful cooperation of our pastors, the difficult task upon which the Board is called to enter, will be brought to a successful culmination to the joy of our missionaries and the spiritual blessing of the Church at home.

THE FIFTH MISSIONARY.

The Board is considering the question of sending out to Japan a fifth missionary and of extending the call as soon as made proper by the churches of the United Synod in their increasing interest in the cause. We deem it eminently fitting that this call should go out at an early date, and ask the United Synod to sanction this proposed action, giving the Board discretionary right in the premises.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER FOREIGN MISSION BOARDS.

As heretofore indicated, cooperation among the missionaries of the three Boards of the Lutheran Church doing work in Japan is more of a voluntary arrangement among themselves than of any defined agreement among the Boards. No form of consolidation of missionary work in the empire has been adopted by the three Boards, though our missionaries have submitted for their consideration a plan looking to adoption of "One Lutheran Church in Japan" as the proper thing for our sanction.

Our Board has suggested to the Foreign Boards of the General Council, and of the United Danish Church in America, the propriety of holding a conference for the purpose of discussing the plan of cooperation submitted to the three Boards of the missionaries of said boards. The result was that Rev. A. S Nielsen,

of the Danish Board, and Rev. George Drach of the Council Board, met with representatives of our Board at Roanoke, Va., on the 17th of August. Our representatives were Messrs. J. E. Cooper, R. W. Kime, John A. Cline and R. C. Holland. Rev. Arthur J. Stirewalt was present as representative of the missions in Japan.

The conference was not only harmonious, but profitable to all of us, as revealing an earnest desire to work together to secure the largest results upon the field. We all agreed upon certain articles involving the evangelistic work, the same to be submitted to he several Boards for their approval or otherwise. This necessarily postpones for an indefinite time the formal adoption of any definite plan of cooperation in the evangelistic work of the American Boards. Yet there is practically cooperation among all the missionaries in Kyushu, as far as existing synodical limitations will allow. The desire of all the missions in Japan is to work as if all were of one synod. In other words to introduce in Japan what we would like to see in this country, one Lutheran Church.

No plan of cooperation in educational work was seriously discussed in this Roanoke conference. It is true that by action of the Danish Board Rev. Mr. Winther fills one of the chairs in the Theological School, and thus one of our missionaries is released for other work. There seems an evident desire on the part of both the other Boards to participate in school work in Kumamoto, but no definite propositions have been made. The United Synod must solve this Mission School question. The responsibility is hers. We believe the outcome of our faithful execution of our undertaking will be that generous cooperation in the annual support of the institution will not be wanting.

As indicative of the views of the Lutheran missionaries in Japan on the subject of cooperation in evangelistic work, we present the following paper, brought over by Mr. Stirewalt:

PLAN FOR A WORKING COOPERATION IN EVANGELISTIC WORK OF THE THREE AMERICAN LUTHERAN BOARDS DOING WORK IN JAPAN.

Believing that it is to the interest of God's kingdom, and to the welfare of the establishment of the Lutheran Church in Japan, we, the representatives of the undersigned Boards agree

to recommend to our respective Boards the following plans of cooperation of the missions in Japan under our respective control, leaving the details of said plan to be worked out and executed by the Japan Conference, which will be called into being as a consequence thereof:

1. (a). That there be granted a Common Conference, of which all missionaries belonging to the Japan mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, shall be members, to whom shall belong equal votes and privileges.

(b). That said Conference be convened annually, and whenever deemed advisable by the proper officers, in view of necessary business, and that it elect its own officers, make rules for the conduct of its meetings, and immediately after each meeting report through its officers to each one of the home Boards. The report shall be in duplicate, written by the secretary and countersigned by the president.

2. That said Conference be given power to formulate rules for the prosecution of the evangelistic work, subject to the approval of the Boards.

3. That said Conference be given power to locate, or change the location of its pastors, evangelists, or workers, as it may deem to be to the general interests of the Evangelical Luheran Church in Japan; only, that no pastor, evangelist, or worker, shall be located, or have his location changed, without the majority vote of the members of the Joint Conference, including the unanimous vote of the members of the mission under which the person in question is at that time working.

4. That said Conference be given power to locate, or to change the location of its missionaries, subject to the unanimous vote of the mission involved, together with the approval of the Home Board under which the person in question works.

5. That said Conference be given power to elect a common mission treasurer, who shall receive and disburse all moneys sent by the three boards involved, keeping a separate account for each board, and using the funds of each board in behalf of its own respective work, subject to an order of a duly appointed agent of each mission, and reporting to each board in monthly reports, in such form as each respective board may require.

6. The plans herein contained are to become operative as soon as the respective boards shall have agreed thereto, and so noti-

fied their missionaries in Japan, to whom the carrying out of these plans shall be entrusted.

GEORGE DRACH,
Representative of General Council's Board.
A. S. NIELSEN, Per A. J. S.
Representative of United Danish Church Board.
ROBERT C. HOLLAND,
Representative of United Synod in the South.
JNO. A. CLINE.
J. E. COOPER,

ARTHUR J. STIREWALT, Secretary.

This paper, as presented, met with the approval of the conference of the representatives of the three Boards held at Roanoke August 7, 1910, and has been referred to the several Boards for further consideration.

The United Synod Board of Foreign Missions would ask this body to authorize it to continue negotiations upon the basis of the plan here presented and to prosecute the same to a final issue. Also the same authority is sought in regard to cooperation in educational work.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

This report of the biennium beginning October 1st, 1908, is appended as part of our report, and will doubtless be read with interest. Our treasurer has rendered monthly reports through the *Church Visitor* of all receipts, and has submitted his books and accounts for audit annually by an auditing committee appointed by the Board. The treasurer has been accurate and faithful, and hs been compelled to give no little time to this service.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

October 1, 1908, *to August* 15, 1910—*Jno. A. Cline, Treasurer, in Account With*

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1908.	Dr.	
Oct. 1.	To balance last settlement	$ 2,424.00
	To amt. from all sources	$19,000.41
		$21,424.41

Cr.

By salary to Rev. A. J. Stirewalt	$ 1,517.97
By passage to Rev. A. J. Stireawlt	355.60
By salary to Rev. L. S. G. Miller	2,089.09
By salary to Rev. C. L. Brown	2,556.45
By salary to Rev. C. K. Lippard	2,274.99
By amt. incidentals	6,300.00
By salary Superintendent Board	1,929.49
By salary J. A. Cline	125.00
By amt. G. D. Bernheim, interest	240.00
By amt. for Kindergarten	121.07
By amt. for Saga Home	750.00
By amt. for painting Saga church	30.00
By amt. two cablegrams to Japan	47.09
By amt. printing 10,000 services	134.00
By amt. Rev. C. L. Brown, school purposes	200.00
By amt. expense (printing, stamps, travel, and all other expenses)	916.75
	$19,587.50
Cash balance	1,836.91
	$21,424.41

JAPAN SCHOOL.

1908. Dr.

Oct. To amt. balance last settlement	$16,622.17
To amt. from all sources	5,053.17
	$21,676.06

Cr.

By amt. paid to Foreign Missions account	$ 50.00
By amt. paid on lot in Japan	1,400.00
By amt. paid Japan School	7,500.00
By amt. paid Mission League	30.00
	$21,580.00
By balance	96.06

MISSION LEAGUE.

1908. Dr.

Oct. To amt. balance last settlement	$ 4,642.20
To mt. interest	81.00
To amt. from all sources	3,695.40
	$ 8.418.60

Cr.

By amt. to Rev. A. J. Stirewalt for kindergarten	$ 1,000.00
By amt. Rev. C. L. Brown on salary	132.83
By amt. Home Missions	1,061.30
By amt. Rev. R. C. Holland on salary	208.32
By amt. Rev. C. K. Lippard on salary	108.33
By amt. Rev. A. J. Stirewalt on salary	66.66
By amt. Rev. L. S. G. Miller on salary	66.00
By amt. for incidentals	810.74
By amt. Rev. J. A. Cline salary	100.00
By amt. for Japan school	25.02
By amt. interest to Rev. G. D. Bernheim, D. D.	300.00
By amt. J. A. Cline, expenses to Columbia	11.40
By amt. Rev. L. S. G. Miller for Saga Home	1,500.00
By amt. stamps and envelopes	8.00
	$ 5,394.60
By balance	$ 3,024.00
	$ 8,418.60

CHURCH EXTENSION.

1908. Dr.

Oct. To amt. balance last settlement	$ 1,129.59

Cr.

By amt. to Home Mission Board, Rev. R. A. Yoder, President	$ 1,129.59

WOMAN'S FORWARD MOVEMENT.

1908. Dr.

Oct. To amt. balance last settlement	$ 4,866.80
To amt. from interest at 4 per cent	419.39
To amt. from all sources	1,485.63
	$ 6,771.82

Cr.

By amt. paid Rev. C. L. Brown	$ 5,000.00
By amt. paid Japan School Fund	1,771.82
	$ 6,771.82

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. A. CLINE,
Treasurer for Mission Board.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

The reports as above shows all moneys coming into the Treasurer's hands from October 1, 1908, to August 15, 1910, one year ten and one-half months.

Home Missions	$ 3,410.20
Foreign Missions	19,000.41
Mission League	3,776.40
Japan School	5,053.89
Woman's Forward Movement	1,905.02
	$33,145.92

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

1. The amount received to date of thank-offering fund for Saga Home is $725.44, and is included in foreign account under foreign missions.

2. During the twenty-one months of the work of the Foreign Mission Board, January 1, 1909, to September 1, 1910, Dr. Holland has relinquished of the salary voted him the sum of $525.00, or an average of $25 per month, making a voluntary contribution to the cause of that amount.

JNO. A. CLINE, Treasurer.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Board recommends the adoption by the United Synod of the following resolutions:

1. That the actions of the Board as presented in this report be approved.

2. That the charter of this Board, and also that of the Mission in Japan, be accepted.

3. That the sum of $15,000 annually be apportioned among the different synods as the declared minimum amount imperatively needed during the ensuing biennium to meet the current expenses of the Mission, apart from the buildings which should or may be erected.

4. That the Epiphany season be recognized as Foreign Mis-

sion Festival in all our congregations; and that "April Japan Day" be designated as the season for special offerings for the Japan Mission in all our Sunday Schools.

5. That the United Synod recognizes in the Mission League a valuable agency to supplement the small apportionment, commends it as promoting individual interest and larger giving, and endorses especially that feature which contemplates an "Emergency Fund" available for meeting unexpected drafts upon the Mission treasury, so liable to occur in the foreign work.

6. That the United Synod extends most cordial welcome to Rev. Arthur J. Stirewalt, as its missionary now on a visit to our churches, and more especially in the capacity of messenger from the conference in Japan; and that our people be urged to respond promptly and liberally to the call which comes from Japan for an additional $25,000 in order to place the Mission School in Kumamoto upon a present and adequate working basis.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. HOLLAND,
M. O. J. KREPS,
J. E. COOPER,
W. A. DEATON,
R. W. KIME,
JNO. M. LICHTENWANGER,
J. H. MURPHY,
M. J. EPTING,
Board of Foreign Missions.

Report of Board of Missions and Church Extension.

This Board met in Charlotte, N. C., December 10, 1908, full quorum being present, to-wit: Revs. R. C. Holland, W. A. Deaton, M. J. Epting, M. O. J. Kreps, Messrs. J. E. Cooper, J. M. Lichtenwanger, with Jno. A. Cline, Treasurer.

This Board entered of record the following resolution, found on page 86 of minutes of the Eleventh Convention of the United Synod, held in Savannah, October 6-10, 1908.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions and Church Extension continue in operation under its existing charter as heretofore, in the prosecution of the general Mission Work, until January 1, 1909; and that in the meantime said Board prepare to so adjust matters pertaining to the several departments of Mission Work that the two boards constituted at this convention may be ready to enter understandingly upon the special work falling to each.

It being reported by the President of the Board that the Bernheim mortgage upon the Theological Seminary property at Mt. Pleasant, S. C., known as "Bernheim Hall," with bond for $2,000, had been transferred to the Board of Foreign Missions, it was ordered that the instrument of transfer be duly recorded in proper office in Charleston. (This was promptly done.)

An appeal was presented by the Church of the Redeemer in Atlanta for an appropriation of $3,500 on the debt of the church, coupled with a pledge that if the Board would do this, the congregation would become self-sustaining after December 31, 1908.

This matter was discussed at considerable length, and the following action was taken:

Resolved, That the request of the Atlanta church be acceded to in form as follows: That we appropriate $3,250 toward the debt upon the church property upon condition that the mission become independent, and that all remittances on pastor's salary cease after December 31, 1908, this appropriatoin, together with the amount heretofore given by and through this Board, to be secured by mortgage upon the property, in the usual form for gifts by the Board.

(This mortgage has been duly executed, the amount thereof being $8,250.) The President of the Board was authorized to publish an edition of 5,000 of the proposed booklet "Japan for Christ." (This has been done and the cost fully covered by sales.)

R. C. Holland, W. A. Deaton and Jno. A. Cline were appointed a commission to prepare a tabulated statement of existing obligations of the Board as to Home Missions and Church Extension, and such other information as the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension may need, and also the same for the Foreign Mission Board.

The Bernheim Annuity fund of $5,000 was ordered to be distributed in accordance with the wishes of the donor, and the action of the United Synod, to wit: To Church Extension $2,000, to Home Missions $1,000 and to Foreign Missions $2,000, the latter being in the hands of Theological Seminary Board, but secured to said Foreign Missions cause by articles of transfer as heretofore described.

(This has been done, as per report of Treasurer John A. Cline.)

A second meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension was held in Charlotte, N. C., June 23, 1909. Present, Revs. Messrs. Holland, Deaton, Epting and Lichtenwanger, and by proxy, Rev. Messrs. Kreps, J. E. Cooper and W. R. Kime. Also Treasurer Jno. A. Cline.

The commission charged with making transfer of matters properly belonging to the Foreign Mission Board, and the Home Mission and Church Extension Board respectively, reported the work duly performed.

Cash in hand distributed as follows:

To the Foreign Mission Board:

Japan School Fund	$22,680.88
Balance of Mission League Fund	4,396.47
General Foreign Mission account	2,343.94

To the Home Mission and Church Extension Board:

Church Extension Fund	1,129.59
Home Mission Fund	287.92
Mission League	417.30

The Church Extension Fund has a claim upon the Home Mission Fund of $1,000 borrowed money.

The following declaration was entered of record as embodying our interpretation of the status of the Board in view of the action taken at Savannah creating two Boards for the separate administration of the Home and Foreign work hitherto in charge of this one Board:

Having disposed of all the effects and assets which rightfully belonged to the two Boards created by the United Synod at Savannah, October 10, 1908, in pursuance of what it deemed to be the interest of that body, we ceased on the first day of January, 1909, to be chargeable with the administration of the affairs laid upon these separate Boards, and hold ourselves responsible only so far as our agency may be needed in connection with matters claiming the use of our name: and should there come into our hands any funds or matters claiming our agency, we shall deem ourselves as acting in the capacity of trustees for the two new Boards.

We have therefore not dissolved our corporate body, but think it best to continue our legal existence, until the United Synod shall take action asking us to dissolve as a body corporate.

We ask the United Synod, in view of the fact that our corporate name has been used since the year 1890 until 1909 in deeds of trust, gift and transfer, and as possible beneficiary in contingent benefactions, to endorse the interpretation above given as to its legal status.

We ask further that the members of the Foreign Mission Board be nominated as members of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, the same to meet at least annually at time of meeting of the Foreign Board.

We recommend the adoption of following:

Resolved, That the Board of Missions and Church Extension be recognized as still existing as a corporate body charged with the duties and functions outlined in foregoing report.

2. That the obligations assumed by this Board relative to the Bernheim annuity fund be endorsed by the United Synod, and that whereas said fund has been turned over to the Board of Foreign Missions and of Home Missions and Church Extension, according to the division heretofore approved, it shall be the duty of said Board of Missions and Church Extension to collect from the two Boards created at last meeting of the United Synod the interest on said annuity fund, i. e., $180.00 per annum from the Board of Home Missions, and $120.00 per annum from Board of Foreign Missions, in semi-annual instalments, and to pay the same to Dr. and Mrs. Bernheim according to original agreement.

3. *Resolved*, That should the Board of Missions and Church Extension necessarily incur any expense in the execution of its functions, the same shall be paid out of the treasuries of the other two boards above named, according to the equities of the case.

(Signed)

BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF UNITED SYNOD.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 1, 1908, *to December* 31, 1908—*Jno. A. Cline, Treasurer, in Account With Home Missions.*

1908.	Dr.	
Oct. 1.	To balance last settlement	$ 3,014.35
	To amt. from all sources	3,410.20
		$ 6,424.55
	Cr.	
By amt. salary to Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D.		$ 112.50
By amt. salary to Rev. K. Y. Umberger		62.51
By amt. salary to Rev. C. W. Kegley		100.01
By amt. salary to Rev. S. C. Ballentine		23.33
By amt. salary to Rev. J. L. Derrick		45.00
By amt. salary to Rev. S. T. Hallman		30.00
By amt. salary to Rev. E. C. Weltner, D. D.		49.51
By amt. salary to Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr		125.00
By amt. salary to Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D		65.60
By amt. salary to Rev. W. R. Brown		23.34

By amt. Church Extension	771.89
By amt. salary to Rev. J. B. Greiner, D. D.	23.34
By amt. salary to Rev. John A. Cline	25.00
By amt. to Atlanta church	3,250.00
By amt. turned over to Home Mission Board by Rev. R. A. Yoder, President Home Mission Board	287.92
By amt. turned over to Home Mission Board by J. M. Rhodes, Treasurer Home Mission Board	1,219.70
By amt. all other expenses of Board, salary of Superintendent, printing, traveling, postage, Board meetings.	209.90
	$6,424.55

On motion, standing resolutions on "Vacancies in Board" was amended by striking out the last line after the word Synod.

The resolution on "Board, How Constituted," was stricken out.

Rev. M. B. Porter addressed the Synod in the interest of the American Bible Society.

Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., submitted the report of the Committee on the Report of "the Board of Missions and Church Extension."

Synod adjourned, pending the consideration of this report, to meet at 3 p. m.

Prayer by Rev. C. E. Weltner, D. D.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1910, 3 P. M.

Synod was called to order, and opened with prayer by Rev. C. K. Bell.

The special order was suspended, and the Committee on Finance reported. Report was adopted:

Report of Committee on Finance.

Whereas, The indebtedness of the United Synod is at present about $1,200, and this indebtedness will be increased by at least $400 during the biennium, your committee recommends:

1. That one and one-half (1 1-2) cents per capita, in addition to the one-half (1-2) cent provided for by standing resolution, No. 4, page 93, Minutes of 1908, be added to the assessments of the District Synods.

2. That the Secretary of the United Synod send to the President and Treasurer of each District Synod the amount due to

the United Synod, and that he send also to the Treasurer of the United Synod corresponding statements.

3. That the Treasurer of the United Synod notify the Treasurers of the District Synods from time to time of the amounts due under this resolution until the obligations are liquidated.

4. That the District Synods be urged to meet these obligations as speedily as possiole.

5. That the officers of Synod be authorized to borrow money to meet past due indebtedness or make other satisfactory arrangements.

6. That United Synod instruct the chairman of the several Boards to send to the chairman of the Finance Committee thirty days prior to each convention of this Synod estimates of the appropriations that will be required, in order that the committee may formulate a plan for financing the work of the Synod. Respectfully submitted,

T. O. KEISTER,
A. M. BOWMAN,
J. E. COOPER,
GEO. B. CROMER,
A. G. VOIGT,
C. M. EFIRD.

The Committee on Theological Seminary reported. Report was adopted:

Report of Standing Committee on Theological Seminary.

We, your committee to whom was referred the report of the Joint Commission in the matter of the re-location of the Theological Seminary, beg to offer the following:

1. Obedient to instruction of your body the offers made by Charlotte and Salisbury, N. C., to secure the location of the Seminary in those cities, have been inserted in the report.

2. The report of the Joint Commission presents a clear and comprehensive account of the transactions of the Commission and gives evidence of the faithful efforts made to execute the will of Synod in the removal of the Seminary from Mount Pleasant, S. C.

The following recommendations are submitted:

1. That Synod hereby express its appreciation of the valuable and efficient services rendered by the Joint Commission.

2. That the action of the Joint Commission in locating the Theological Seminary near Columbia, S. C., be ratified by this Synod.

3. That our pastors and congregations be hereby urged to give to the Theological Seminary their loyal support, and especially to accord the Joint Commission the most liberal co-operation in its efforts to raise through its special canvasser, Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, additional funds for construction purposes.

4. That the Joint Commission be continued.

5. That the report of the Joint Commission be adopted.

Respectfully,

M. J. EPTING,
W. A. SNYDER,
J. HENRY HARMS,
S. T. SHANK,
AMBROSE L. HENKEL.

Report of the Joint Commission Charged with the Duty of Locating the Theological Seminary.

The Joint Commission created by the United Synod under a resolution adopted on the 8th day of October, 1908, and composed of the directors of the Theological Seminary and a special committee, respectfully report:

That the two bodies composing the Commission met in Columbia, S. C., on the 18th of February, 1909, and organized as a Joint Commission by electing the Rev. Dr. J. H. Wilson as president and John F. Ficken as secretary.

After careful consideration it was unanimously resolved to locate the Seminary in the City of Charleston, S. C. A special committee of five was then appointed to ascertain on what terms a suitable location for the Seminary could be procured in the City of Charleston, and the committee was instructed to report thereon at a meeting of the commission to be held on the 11th of May, 1909, in Charleston, S. C.

The Commission again convened in Charleston, S. C., on the 11th of May, 1909, and the special committee of five reported progress, not having completed the task hitherto assigned to them. The Dean of the Seminary was authorized and requested to canvass the churches within the bounds of the United Synod for the purpose of raising the sum of twenty thousand dollars to meet the cost of establishing the Seminary in the City of Charleston. It was also resolved that the special committee of five be continued in power, and that it be authorized to procure options on property in Charleston suitable for the purpose of the Seminary and to purchase the same whenever as much as one-third of the purchase money shall become available, at

least five thousand dollars of which should be raised in Charleston.

The Joint Commission next met in Charleston on 5th day of October, 1909. The special committee of five reported that they had not yet succeeded in raising sufficient funds to warrant the proposed purchase of a home in Charleston for the Seminary. That about thirty-two hundred dollars had been subscribed in Charleston. The Dean also reported that as the result of his canvass subscriptions had been made to the extent of about twenty-three hundred dollars, of which amount he had received twelve hundred and forty-four dollars and eight cents. The cash received by the Dean was finally paid over to John D. Cappelmann, Esq., who had been elected treasurer of the Joint Commission. The Dean declined to receive compensation for his services.

It having been brought to the attention of the Commission that dissatisfaction existed in some of the churches as to its action taken in locating the Seminary in Charleston, S. C., it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed to inquire into and report the causes and extent of such dissatisfaction.

The Joint Commission next convened in St. Mark's church in Charlotte, N. C., on 1st December, 1909.

At this meeting the special committee of five reported that in view of the alleged dissatisfaction with the location of the Seminary in Charleston and the lack of sufficient funds, they had made no purchase of quarters for the Seminary, deeming it proper to await the outcome of the investigation which had been ordered.

The special committee of three reported that they had made a general inquiry respecting the alleged dissatisfaction with the location of the Seminary in Charleston, and so far as their inquiry extended the great majority expressed a preference for Columbia, S. C., as the future home of the Seminary, a very few favoring Charleston.

A reconsideration of the motion by which Charleston was chosen as the place of location was adopted by a majority vote. It was suggested that the Joint Commission when it selected Charleston had exhausted the power delegated, and that the United Synod alone could make the change desired, but this objection was not pressed. It was then resolved by a majority vote that the action selecting Charleston, S. C., as the place in which to re-locate the Seminary be rescinded and the whole matter reopened. A motion to adjourn to meet in Salisbury, N. C., on 16th December, 1909, was then adopted.

The Joint Commission next met in St. John's church, Salisbury, N. C., on 16th December, 1909. A communication from the pastors of the four Lutheran churches in Charleston, S. C., was read, stating that in view of the above action rescinding the selection of Charleston as the place in which the Seminary should be located, the said churches had discontinued their efforts to raise a special fund to meet the cost of locating in Charleston. They, however, declared that their people would remain loyal to the Seminary and would do their part in giving it a hearty support.

Committees urging the location of the Seminary in Columbia, S. C., in Salisbury, N. C., and in Charlotte, N. C., were then heard. Charlotte offered about ten thousand dollars. Salisbury offered fifteen thousand dollars and the choice of one out of six building sites. The City of Columbia offered to donate seventeen thousand, seven hundred and seventy-two dollars and the choice of one out of three building sites. After a prolonged discussion the Theological Seminary was finally located near Columbia, S. C., and the offers made by that city were accepted. The building site accepted is situated just outside of the corporate limits of Columbia, and measures about five acres. Besides this, sites for four professors' houses were donated.

A central executive committee of five was then elected with power to arrange for a canvass for funds and secure plans and specifications, which committee when prepared was directed to report to a meeting to be called by the president of the Commission.

On the 8th of March, 1910, the Joint Commission on the call of the president assembled in Columbia, S. C., to receive the report of the central executive committee. This committee reported that they had caused plans of the administration or main building of the Seminary to be prepared by Mr. Charles M. Robinson, an architect, of Richmond, Va., and submitted the same, which after discussion, the committee was authorized to accept as soon as they were assured that the amount of thirty thousand dollars was in sight as a building fund. The estimate of the architect is that the building as planned can be erected for the sum of forty thousand dollars. He also estimates that the two residences of the professors will cost each about five thousand dollars, making a sum total of fifty thousand dollars to be expended for the entire range of buildings.

The central executive committee is satisfied that at least thirty thousand dollars is available for the construction of the main or administration building, and the work will be pressed to

completion. In the meantime the Rev. M. O. J. Kreps has been appointed as special canvasser and he has already gone over portions of the ground with encouraging results. The following named persons were chosen as the building committee, viz: Dr. O. B. Mayer, Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, Hon. C. M. Efird, Rev. C. A. Freed and Rev. M. O. J. Kreps.

On the 7th of September, 1910, the Joint Commission met in Richmond, Va., and among other matters transacted, authorized the building committee to advertise for bids for the erection of the main or administration building. The building committee were further authorized to contract for the erection of said building at a cost not to exceed forty thousand dollars, exclusive of the cost of the necessary lighting, heating and sewerage plants, and the fees of the architect. The central executive committee was also empowered to borrow whatever sums may be needed for the construction of the building and were authorized to pledge as security for the same all notes, subscriptions and securities available for the building fund, and that such notes and obligations for the loans authorized shall be executed by the chairman of the central executive committee and the treasurer of the building fund, provided that the amount so to be borrowed, together with the cash contributed, shall not exceed forty thousand dollars. Mr. Cappelmann having resigned as treasurer of the building fund, Dr. C. L. Kibler was elected to that office.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WILSON, Chairman.

The pending Report on "the Board of Missions and Church Extension" was resumed, and adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Missions and Church Extension.

1. The report is a statement of the administration of the old Board of Missions until the arrangements could be completed for the division of labor between the two new boards as provided for by the United Synod in Savannah. We recommend that these transactions be approved.

2. The Mission and Church Extension Board is an incorporated body, and as such holds certain property rights as mortgages, bequests, etc., executed in their name. It must either continue in existence or by certain complicated legal processes transfer these rights to other bodies. We recommend that its separate

existence be continued until the business now in its hands can be closed out and after that the United Synod dissolve it.

3. We recommend that the persons elected at this session of Synod as the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, viz: R. L. Patterson, C. L. Miller, B. B. Miller, V. Y. Boozer and C. E. Boger, and their successors in office be the members of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, but in order to prevent confusion and to make this distinction of the two corporations clearly manifest upon the face of the transactions that the new bodies have at least different persons as presidents and secretaries; and that the corporation of "Board of Missions and Church Extension," so continued and constituted, do execute and deliver all such formal deed or deeds of transfer as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to fully vest in said "Board of Home Missions and Church Extension," all the mortgages, notes, choses in action and property, real, personal and of every kind, character and description as shall properly belong to or be intended for the work now vested by this Synod in the said Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

4. The expenses of the administration of the affairs of the Board of Missions and Church Extension be taken when possible from the transaction, but when this is not possible that they be drawn from the treasury of the Board directly concerned, or from both Boards in proportion to their interest in that particular case.

L. A. FOX,
J. A. ALEXANDER,
JNO. D. CAPPELMANN.

On motion, so much of the action of this Synod as limited the existence of the Board of Missions and Church Extension to January 1, 1909, was rescinded. (See Minutes, 1908, page 86.)

The Committee on President's Report submitted the following, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The report of the president shows a lively interest in, and familiarity with, all the work of the Synod. A careful oversight has been kept, and progress along all lines of church work is noted. In some instances the progress has been slow, but substantial, and sufficiently encouraging to induce us to set our faces to the future and undertake greater things the coming biennium. The report very properly makes mention of the

blessing of God upon our efforts, which has enabled us to accomplish something for His kingdom. May that abiding faith in Christ still be ours, and may loyal hands continue to hold up the banner of the cross. Realizing the unique position the United Synod occupies in the Church and country, we should be loyal to the demands of the Church and of the age upon us. Being true to our doctrinal inheritance always, and with a devotional spirit and unfaltering faith, we must meet the problems which confront us, which problems indicate a most healthy sign in our Church work, since "they are proof that we are alive and doing something." We recommend,

1. The approval of all the official acts of the president, including the sale of the stock of catechisms to Henkel & Company, of New Market, Va.

2. The President recommends the devising of ways and means to secure adequate revenue for the liquidation of our indebtedness. We recommend that this be referred to the Committee on Finance.

3. Whereas, The Laymen's Missionary Movement is not an organization, but a movement in the Church to give information, and to develop a spirit of benevolence; and whereas, every department of Church work will thereby be advanced, we, therefore, recommend, (a) the hearty approval and endorsement of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and urge all our pastors to follow up and endeavor to perpetuate the work inaugurated by the secretary of the Laymen's Movement. (b) That the chairman of the executive committee be asked to submit a report to this Synod.

4. In view of the fact that we have had such cordial greetings extended to the United Synod by the fraternal delegates from the General Council and from the General Synod, we recommend the adoption of the following recommendation of the President: "That we take note of the action of the General Synod, reappoint a committtee on fraternal co-operation, and instruct it in regard to terms of co-operation with other Lutheran bodies acceptable to the United Synod."

5. The gifts mentioned in the president's report, one of $2,000.00 by Mrs. S. C. Swigert, of Forest, Miss., and one of $5,000.00 by Mrs. Kate E. Drafts, of Eastover, S. C., are most

gratifying to our Synod. We recommend the example to others who may thus serve the Church with the means with which the Lord has blessed them.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. BROWN,
M. M. KINARD,
JAS. D. KINARD,
W. C. DAVIS,
J. E. COOPER,
JOHN HALL,
CHAS. H. STIEGLITZ.

Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, Chairman of Executive Committee of Layman's Missionary Movement, submitted the following, which was received as information, and ordered printed in our minutes:

Report of Laymen's Missionary Movement.

To the United Synod:

The executive committee of the Lutheran Laymen's Missionary Movement asks leave to submit the following statement in the nature of a report in order to acquaint you with the status and work of the movement.

At a meeting held in Columbia January 20th, 1910, the name was changed to Lutheran Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United Synod, and the officers of president and vice president were abolished. The offices are now an executive committee, a treasurer, a secretary and a general secretary. The officers are: J. E. Cooper, O. B. Mayer, C. M. Efird and George B. Cromer, executive committee; W. P. Houseal, secretary; Kenneth Baker, treasurer; and the Rev. E. C. Cronk, general secretary. The movement has no regular membership and, therefore, no longer requires a membership fee. Its purpose is to operate through missionary committees appointed in the several congregations by the pastors and church councils. It is the duty of the general secretary to see that these missionary committees are appointed, to assist the pastors in every practicable way to develop and further an interest in all benevolent operations of the church, and to carry on a general campaign of education in the interest of benevolence.

No collections will be taken by the general secretary and no offerings will be asked of any congregation by the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The salary of the general secretary and

expenses of the movement will be paid out of voluntary individual contributions. All moneys raised by the missionary committees will go into the hands of the treasurers of the congregations and will be disbursed through the regular channels of the congregations and synod, as heretofore.

The missionary committees have been advised that it is not our purpose to work exclusively in the interest of foreign missions, but that they should also make a canvass of the members in the several congregations in the interest of home missions as well; and the executive committee assures you that it is not only not the purpose of the Laymen's Missionary Movement to operate independently of the established agencies of the church but that it is our earnest desire to have the pastors control the appointment of the missionary committees, and it is our purpose to co-operate with the boards of missions and our pastors in such a way as shall commend the work of the Laymen's Missionary Movement to the approval of our official bodies.

The Rev. E. C. Cronk, the general secretary, gave a part of his time to the work of the Laymen's Missionary Movement while he was engaged as publication secretary, and since January, 1910, he has given it his full time. He has been making an energetic canvass among our churches and, with the assistance of the pastors, who have given him cordial co-operation, he has been doing effective work. As his work is largely educatonal, it is impossible to estimate its value in dollars and cents; but it is his estimate that reports received from eight congregations, in which missionary committees have made their canvass, show an increased contribution for missions amounting to some $3,500. We quote the following from his report to the executive committee: "A good percentage of the churches now campaigning will make their canvass between this and December 31. You understand that the above are not cash contributions, but pledged.

"If these eight congregations make this much advance it would seem reasonable to expect that the other 50 or more would bring it up to $10,000.00, two-thirds of the amount asked for by the United Synod.

Committees appointed	63
Committees campaigning	55
Pieces of literature sent out	30,260
Basis of circulation	7,225
Committeemen	262

"In most instances I have met with church councils where I have gone, and discussed church finances, and as a result several congregations have adopted the Duplex system and quite a number of others have it under favorable consideration."

There can be no question that the laymen of our Church should take a more active interest in the benevolent operations of the Church. This is true, not only of local congregations but also of the synods. It is the aim of the Laymen's Missionary Movement to stimulate a general interest in missions and other forms of benevolence, and, to this end, to distribute literature and carry on a campaign of education. We trust that this motive will commend itself to the approval of the United Synod and that we may have the value of its influence in our efforts to carry on this great work.

GEO. B. CROMER,
Chairman of Executive Com. L. M. M.

On motion, the Committee on Methods of Practical Co-operation and Fraternal Conference with Other Lutheran Bodies, was instructed to conform to the compact already existing. (See Minutes, 1895, pp. 56-59; 1898, p. 48; 1900, pp. 62-66; 1902, p. 48.)

Rev. J. J. Scherer, D. D., was cordially welcomed as an advisory member.

Report on Orphan Home debt was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Orphan Home Debt.

Cost of Home	$ 14,500.00
Interest to May 13, 1910	3,420.17
Expense to date	1,303.60
Total to May 13, 1910	19,223.77
Cash paid	18,133.14
Balance to May 13, 1910	$ 1,080.63

RESOURCES.

Pledges unpaid	$1,250.00

Your committee does not see immediate prospect of realizing on these pledges, and therefore asks that the United Synod direct the corporation of the Orphan Home to collect the out-

standing subscriptions and provide for the complete liquidation of the debt on the property; and that this committee be discharged.

J. H. WILSON,
L. A. FOX,
CHAS. K. BELL,
L. G. M. MILLER,
Committee.

The report on Literary Institutions was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Literary Institutions.

Catalogues, college journals, and statements from the heads of our literary institutions have been placed before this committee and have been carefully examined. The United Synod has reason to rejoice in the splendid work being done by the excellent, up-to-date colleges of Roanoke, Newberry, Lenoir, Marion, Mont Amoena, Collegiate Institute and some other schools not as closely related to the church officially. At Roanoke an extensive building campaign is well under way. When these plans are realized an entirely new plant, modern in all respects, will have taken the place of the old. Newberry is enjoying the new equipments and departments added recently. At Lenoir a new church has been completed; a new wing to the dormitory for young ladies and a new heating plant have been added. Marion College is to be rebuilt and possibly re-located, giving it an adequate equipment. Mont Amoena Seminary is prospering, and the Collegiate Institute is doing aggressive work. The United Synod is perhaps better supplied with good colleges than any other general body of Lutherans in this country, and they are doing most effective work. They all need larger equipment and much increased endowments in order to do the greater work which is appealing to them. The cause of Christian education demands the constant, prayerful consideration of the Church. This body views the cause in its unity. The need for such a view increases as the unity of the Church grows. That the whole subject of Christian education in the United Synod may receive that continuous and thorough consideration which it deserves, we recommend that a committee of three be appointed to take under consid-

eration the advisability of the creation of a regular Board of Education, to report upon that question at the next meeting of the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. GREEVER,
B. S. BROWN,
JACOB UMLAUF,
ENOCH HITE.

The committee recommended in the final paragraph of the report was constituted as follows: Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, and Revs. C. L. Miller and A. D. R. Hancher.

The following received, and request granted:

Resolved, That we express to the United Synod our appreciation of the printing of our minutes under the same cover with those of their meeting, and that we request a continuance of the same favor this year. MRS. E. C. CRONK,
Secretary Woman's Missionary Conference.

The Report on Minutes of last convention of Synod was adopted:

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention of Synod.

Your committee reports as follows:

1. *Item* 5, *Report of Committee on Missions, page* 74. This item contains the following recommendation: "We recommend that each of our boards secure a clear and definite understanding with the corresponding boards of the General Council so that each party may know the rights and claims of the others." Does Synod consider that this recommendation has been sufficiently complied with?

2. We call attention to item 6, Report of Committee on Orphan Home, page 88, which is as follows: We recommend that all the Sunday schools of the United Synod be urged to set apart at least one Sunday during the year, to be known as Orphan Home Sunday, and that offerings be taken for the support of the Home; when suitable, such offerings to be taken during the summer months.

3. We call attention to the standing resolutions of synod, and particularly to those numbered six and eight.

4. We recommend that standing resolution numbered five, *Offerings—How Appropriated*, be amended to read: That offerings hereafter made at the sessions of this synod be appropriated as follows: On the occasions of the presentation of the several causes of synod the offerings shall be devoted, unless otherwise ordered, to the cause, or causes, presented.

Respectfuly submitted,

JOHN C. PEERY,
J. K. EFIRD,
J. W. JENNY,
J. P. COOK.

Report of Committee on Church Literature submitted and adopted:

Report of Committee on Church Literature.

We understand that our view of Church Literature is directed exclusively to the United Synod field. We find this field more fruitful than a casual glance might indicate. The past biennum shows no little activity in this department, not only in originality, but in circulating literature in various forms. As characteristic of our Church, the literature is of a conservative and wholesome character. The women of the Church have been forward as a distributing agency for leaflets bearing upon deeper Christian life, and missionary information, the same running up into the tens of thousands.

"The Missionary Program" for the past and current year, together with "Program Helps," gotten out by the literature committee of the Woman's General Conference, have been highly commended, and have attracted the attention and approval of women beyond the bounds of the United Synod.

Our Lutheran Publication Board has sent out from its office the following:

"Japan For Christ," a valuable and finely illustrated book, written by Dr. C. L. Brown.

Five Needs in the Lutheran Church in America, by Dr. W. H. Greever.

A Message of Love, a bronchure, a translation by Dr. Voigt.

Great Epochs in Church History, a booklet of special value to Lutherans, being a collection of articles written by strong men in the church.

Scripture Lessons for the Church Year, by Dr. W. H. Greever—A most serviceable arrangement of Scripture reading for both pastors and parents.

The United Synod Folder, a vest pocket booklet embodying valuable information conveniently arranged.

The Way of the Cross—by Dr. C. A. Miller, a re-publication.

We note also other publications in the interests of our Church work, such as "*Kyushu Gakuin*," by Rev. Stirewalt, in connection with our other missionaries in Japan, from the press of Henkel & Company, and also sundry leaflets by Foreign Mission Board

We note especially the issuance of *The Sunday School Hymnal*, edited by Rev. E. C. Cronk. This is worthy of commendation, as meeting an urgent need among our churches, and we leave further notice of this publication to the special committee to which it has been referred.

The Sunday school literature, so far as helps and text books are concerned, is in a confused state, arising not from any lack of merit of the help themselves, but from the diverse systems used, destroying that uniformity so desirable in this department of our work.

We, therefore, urge that efforts for a common system of Sunday school helps in Bible study, among all our Lutheran people of the general bodies using the English language, be encouraged by our United Synod, and that the co-operation of these general bodies in this direction be encouraged by us.

It is a pleasure to note the attractive appearance of our *Lutheran Church Visitor*, as well as its able editorial management, its conservative as well as aggressive spirit, and its impartial championship of the several interests of the Church, and rejoice that it has attained into a circulation of 5,200.

Our Sunday school and missionary monthly, *Tidings*, is worthy of larger circulation than 6,200, though we cannot but be gratified that it has found its way into so many of our Sunday schools. We commend it to pastors and Sunday school superintendents as having just and most worthy claim upon their favor, as being connected sympathetically with the work of the United Synod, and otherwise well adapted to the needs of the Sunday schools.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HOLLAND,
L. L. LOHR,
C. E. WELTNER,
H. D. DERRICK,
JACOB UMLAUF.

The following were adopted:

Resolved, That the Boards of Home Missions, of Foreign Missions and of Publication shall submit their reports in printed

form at the first session of each convention of the United Synod; and that these reports be referred to appropriate committees at once, and that these be presented in connection with the reports of these committees.

Resolved, That October be adopted as Home Mission month in all our churches.

Resolved, That Reformation season be adopted as Home Mission period in all our Sunday schools.

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod hereby gives expression of its high appreciation of the cordial hospitality extended to it by the pastor and members of this congregation. Also that our thanks be extended to the proper persons for the use of Richmond College chapel, and that these resolutions be read in connection with the public service of this congregation on next Sunday morning.

2. *Resolved*, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be extended to the representatives of the public press for careful reports of its proceedings.

The following committees were appointed:

On Common Sunday School Literature.—Revs. W. H. Greever, D. D., C. A. Miller, D. D., and H. A. McCullough.

On Creation of a Board of Education.—Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, and Revs. C. L. Miller, and A. D. R. Hancher.

On motion, $25 was voted to the Secretary of this Synod for services rendered, and $5 for the sexton of this church.

The Secretary was instructed to have 4,000 copies of the Minutes of this session of the United Synod printed for distribution.

The Board of Publication was authorized to print and supply Parochial Blanks to the Secretaries of Synods, the Secretary to furnish a correct copy for such purpose.

The Minutes of today's sessions were read and approved, and the Synod adjourned, to be finally closed after Sunday services.

Prayer by Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the Twelfth regular Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, held in the First English Lutheran Church, Richmond, Va., September 6-11, 1910.

S. T. HALLMAN, *Secretary.*

Spartanburg, S. C.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

First English Lutheran Church.—11 a. m., Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D.; 8 p. m. Vesper service by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., sermon by Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, and closing of Synod by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., Vice-President of the Synod. The afternoon service by Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, of Japan.

Centenary Methodist.—8 p. m., Rev. M. J. Epting, D. D.

Laurel Street Methodist.—11 a. m., Rev. A. D. R. Hancher.

Park Street Methodist.—11 a. m., Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.

Union Station Methodist.—11 a. m., Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.; 8 p. m., Rev. T. W. Shealy.

Broad Street Methodist.—8 p. m., Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D.

Porter Street Presbyterian.—11 a. m., Rev. S. P. Koon.

LIST OF VISITING MINISTERS.

Rev. J. I. Coiner, Lexington, Va.
Rev. C. F. William Hoppe, Charleston, S. C.
Rev. C. R. W. Kegley, Bluefield, W. Va.
Rev. O. C. Petersen, Leesville, S. C.
Rev. Chas. K. Hunton, Salem, Va.
Rev. Alfred Ramsey, D. D., Chicago, Ill.
Rev. Wm. L. Hunton, Ph. D., Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, Kumamoto, Japan.
Rev. Edward Brekhus, Norge, Va.
Rev. J. O. Glenn, New Stanton, Pa.
Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D. D., Springfield, Ohio.
Rev. Fred H. Meuschke, Richmond, Va.
Rev. A. L. Crouse, Charlottesville, Va.
Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D. D., York, Pa.
Rev. F. L. Sigmund, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., Allentown, Pa.
Rev. M. A. Ashby, Shenandoah, Va.
Rev. August C. Karkau, Newport News, Va.
Prof. Frank P. Manhart, D. D., Selinsgrove, Pa.
Rev. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C.
Rev. J. J. Scherer, D. D., Marion, Va.
Rev. C. W. Cassell, Stephens City, Va.

Standing Resolutions.

JUNE 26, 1886, TO JULY 15, 1906.

1. 1886, p. 54. *Delegates' Expenses*: That the District Synods are hereby requested to pay the necessary expenses of their respective delegates to this and succeeding conventions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

2. 1900, p. 101. *Theological Seminary Board Vacancies, How Filled*: That in the event of any vacancy in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary by death, resignation, removal from the territory of this Synod, or otherwise, such vacancy may be filled by the Board; and that the said Board shall be elected at every regular meeting of this body.

3. 1902, p. 76. *Accepts Charter of Board of Missions—Election of Board*: That this body accepts the charter granted by the Legislature of South Carolina to our Board of Missions and Church Extension; and that the members of said Board shall be elected by this body at each of its regular conventions, and should this United Synod fail at any such conventions to elect members of said Board, then the members last elected shall hold over and be empowered to act until their successors shall be elected by the United Synod.

Vacancies in, How Filled: 1904, p. 117: That if a vacancy occurs in the Board of Missions during the interim between meetings of the United Synod, the vacancy shall be filled by the President of the United Synod.

Several Funds of Board of Missions, (1906): That the Board of Missions and Church Extension be directed to maintain three funds, viz.: Foreign Mission Fund, Home Mission Fund, and Church Extension Fund, and that these funds be increased by said Board in harmony with the other actions of this body, and in response to the demands of the work. (Note—Modified by the creation of two Boards).

4. 1904, p. 90. *Revenue of Synod—How Raised*: That to provide funds for the necessary expenses of this body an annual assessment of one-half cent per capita be laid upon the district synods, beginning with this convention, and that such district synod is requested to forward to the Treasurer of his body its first annual assessment at or within three months after its annual convention.

5. 1904, p. 118. *Offerings—How Appropriated*: That offerings hereafter made at the sessions of this Synod be appropriated as follows: On the occasions of the presentations of the several causes of synod the offerings shall be devoted, unless otherwise ordered, to the cause, or causes, presented.

6. 1906, p. 94. *Prayer for Theological Seminary*: That this Board recommend that the United Synod shall designate the Sunday which will be observed as Reformation Day as a day of special prayer in behalf of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

7. 1906, p. 96. *Official Visitors—Expenses to be Paid*: That this Board recommend that the United Synod pay the expenses of its official visitors to the General Council and General Synod. That the President of this body be empowered to certify official visitors to the General Council and General Synod, whenever the principal and alternate are unable to attend.

8. 1906, p. 45. *Bible Distribution*: We recommend that, as tangible evidence of our interest, a collection be taken annually in our churches for the work.

9. 1904, p. 124. *Divorce*: The attitude of the Church of Christ in regard to the sacredness of the marriage bond and its indissoluble character should be made clear and unmistakable. In view of the revival of the agitation of this subject in this country, it is proper that the United Synod should give utterance to what it believes is the teaching of the Scriptures, and that in terms unequivocal.

In the purview of the State marriage is a civil contract and nothing more. Decrees of divorce affect such contract only in its civil aspect. Therefore an annulment by the State of the bonds of marriage can have no binding effect upon the conscience of the Church of Christ, which resting upon the Holy Scriptures, recognizes in marriage an institution ordained of God and hedged about with divine sanctions and limitations.

While the Church cannot but look with disfavor upon the facility with which the bonds of marriage are dissolved under the laws of the State, because of its natural effect in begetting a perverted view of the character of the marital bond, yet it is not in our province to dictate to the State how it shall deal with this subject viewed as simply a contract between citizens of the commonwealth. It is our duty, however, as churchmen to consider marriage as more than a civil contract and to so act as to emphasize its divine and Scriptural character.

The special function of the Church therefore is to inculcate by faithful teachings, proper sentiments as to the sacredness of

the marriage relation as of divine sanction, and through its ministry to testify to the indissolubleness of the marital bond by declining to officiate at remarriage of divorced parties while both are living.

Viewed in the light of Scripture, marriage is an engagement as long as both parties do live, and the vow prescribed in the ritual so affirms. While for one specified cause and perhaps also for willful desertion, there may be a proper dissolution of that bond and of all obligations growing out of such marriages, (there is no Scriptural warrant for either party to remarry, while the other is living; therefore, no minister of the Church of Christ should officiate at the remarriage of divorced parties, unless he is assured that the marriage bond has been dissolved by God himself—that is, by the death of one of the parties.) The clause in parenthesis is qualified, in fact, nullified by the action of 1908.—Secy.

1908, pp. 45, 46. *Divorce; Qualification*: At the ninth convention of this body a series of propositions on Divorce and Remarriage was submitted for consideration at the following convention (Min. IX. Conv., p. 124). At the last convention these propositions were simply ordered to be reprinted (Min. X. Conv., p. 72).

The United Synod now expresses its judgment in regard to these propositions as follows:

They contain a timely and forceful statement of the sanctity of marriage and the evils of divorce, now unhappily so widely prevalent. But they require qualification so as to recognize the right of the innocent divorced party to remarry.

The dissolution of the marriage bond for reasons explicitly recognized by our Lord and in Scripture must be regarded as sanctioned by God himself, and the innocent party "is not under bondage in such cases" (I. Cor. 7:15). There is nothing in Scripture to forbid such marriage of the innocent party, for the passages, Matt. 5:32; 19:9 Mk. 10:11, 12; Lu. 16:18, imply that there was no true dissolution of marriage. Accordingly the Smalkald Articles (Jacob's translation, p. 35) declare: "Unjust also is the tradition which forbids an innocent person to marry after divorce."

Charter of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA—EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

Whereas, R. A. Yoder, Lincolnton, N. C., and W. H. Riser, Norfolk, Va., two or more of the officers or agents appointed to supervise or manage the affairs of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod, which has been duly and regularly organized, did on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1909, file with the Secretary of State a written declaration setting forth:

That a meeting of the aforesaid organization held, pursuant to the by-laws or regulations of the said corporation, they were authorized and directed to apply for incorporation.

That the said organization holds, or desires to hold, property in common for religious, educational, social, fraternal, charitable or other eleemosynary purpose, or any two or more of said purposes, and is not organized for the purpose of profit or gain to the members, otherwise than is above stated, or for the insurance of life, health, accident or property; and that three days' notice in *The State*, a newspaper published in the County of Richland, has been given that the aforesaid declaration would be filed.

And Whereas, That said Declaration and Petition further declared and affirmed:

First. Their names and residences are as above given.

Second. The name of the proposed corporation is the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod.

Third. The place at which it proposes to have its headquarters or be located is Columbia, S. C.

Fourth. The purpose of the said proposed corporation is to conduct and manage the work of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, as shall from time to time be authorized and direced by the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South; the members of the said corporation to be elected by the said United Synod, as its rules shall require. And with the power to acquire, hold, manage, convey and mortgage property, real and personal, as authorized by law.

Fifth. The names and residences of all Managers, Trustees, Directors or other officers are as follows: Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., president; Rev. W. H. Riser, secretary; John M. Rhodes, treasurer.

Sixth. That they desired to be incorporated in perpetuity.

Now, Therefore, I, R. M. McCown, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested, by Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby declare the said organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the limitations and liabilities conferred by said Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto. GIVEN UNDER My Hand and the Seal of the State, at Columbia, this 12th day of March, in the year of our Lord one (Seal) thousand and nine hundred and nine and in the one hundred and thirty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

R. M. McCOWN,
Secretary of State.

Recorded in office of Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, for Richland County, S. C., this 17th day of March, 1909, in Corporation Book at page 295 and certified to by J. F. WALKER, C. C. C. P. and G. S.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRD CONVENTION

OF THE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

OF THE

UNITED SYNOD

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

Held in Richmond, Va., Sept. 7, 8, 9, 1910.

FIRST SESSION.

CHAPEL OF RICHMOND COLLEGE,
RICHMOND, VA., SEPTEMBER 7, 1910.

The Woman's Conference of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South met in the Chapel of Richmond College, September 7, 1910 at 10 a. m.

The opening devotional service was conducted by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

The Convention was formally opened according to the regular order by the President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

The following officers were present:

President—Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Salem, Va.
Vice-President—Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher, Staunton, Va.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Roanoke, Va.
Reporting Treasurer—Miss Amelia Habenicht, Columbia, S. C.

Delegates were enrolled as follows:

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Mrs. J. E. Shenk, Greensboro, N. C.
Mrs. E. A. Shenk, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Mrs. R. C. Holland, Orangeburg, S. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. M. S. Habenicht, Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. J. Henry Harms, Newberry, S. C.

Miss Gertrude Simpson, Prosperity, S. C.
Miss Mary Lou Bowers, Newberry, S. C.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Mrs. L. A. Fox, Salem, Va.
Mrs. Paul Sieg, Radford, Va.
Miss May Scherer, Marion, Va.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Miss Louie Bible, Parrottsville, Tenn.

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Miss Ada Miller, New Market, Va.
Mrs. J. H. Dingelhoef, Statesville, N. C.
Mrs. E. A. Stirewalt, Luray, Va.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Mrs. W. H. Riser, Norfolk, Va.
Mrs. E. L. Folk, Middlebrook, Va.

A chorus of greetings followed the enrollment:

Greetings from the Richmond congregation were given by Miss Helen Schmidt.

The Tennessee Synod was represented by Mrs. J. H. Dingelhoef, the Virginia Synod by Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher, the Holston Synod by Miss Louie Bible, the Southwest Virginia Synod by Mrs. Paul Sieg, and the Georgia Synod by Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

Greetings from the women of the General Council were delivered by Mrs. Charles L. Fry of Catasauqua, Pa., and from the women of the General Synod by Miss Sarah I. Van Gundy of Washington, D. C.

The President of the Conference responded to the greetings.

An interesting feature of this session was the introduction of Mrs. E. A. Stirewalt, mother of our Missionary to Japan, Rev. A. J. Stirewalt.

The following committees were announced by the president:

On President's Report—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Mrs. L. A. Fox, Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher.

On Report of Literature Committee—Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Mrs. J. Henry Harms, Mrs. E. A. Shenk.

On Resolutions—Mrs. J. H. Dingelhoef, Mrs. W. H. Riser.

On Enrollment of Visitors—Miss Mary Lou Bowers, Miss Gertrude Simpson.

The president read her report which was referred to the proper committee.

President's Report.

Dear Sisters in Christ: We come as representatives from eight district synods and from a territory covering as many States. We meet some of us for the first time, and yet we feel that we are indeed sisters in Him, for have we not one aim and one purpose? Differences of opinion we may have, and that is well, for in a multitude of counsellors there is safety, yet we are united in Him having the mind and spirit of Christ. Without this oneness of spirit, no matter how wisely we may seem to plan for the future our meeting together will have been in vain.

As we look back over the past two years, we realize that although the church as a whole, and we as members of the missionary societies have not fulfilled the obligations assumed at Savannah, yet there are many causes for thanksgiving.

The funds for the kindergarten building were promptly raised. Our mission work in Japan has gone steadily forward, and the opportunities before us there seem boundless. The home mission churches, too, have made commendable progress. The Laymen's Movement in the United Synod has taken definite shape and our women's societies have shown a steady increase in membership and contributions. Let us render praise and thanksgiving unto Him to whom alone it is due.

OUR MISSION BOARDS.

An impression seems to prevail in some quarters that the women's societies are devoted almost wholly to foreign missions. This assertion seems to me to be unfair and untrue. An examination of the minutes of the different organizations will show that the funds are fairly and equally divided between home and foreign work. The work of the church is one and we owe no divided allegiance, and we would assure our mission boards of our sincere desire to co-operate with them to the full extent of our ability.

GREETINGS.

We extend most cordial greetings to our representative from Japan, Rev. A. J. Stirewalt. He is among us, as has been said, not on a furlough, but on a mission, and we would assure him of our most heartfelt interest in this mission. It gives us great pleasure to have with us as well the general secretary of the Laymen's Movement in the United Synod. We have no fears that the laymen will leave nothing for the women to do. We have always felt keenly our financial limitations, and we look to the laymen to do those great things that we have hoped and dreamed and longed to be able to do. There is work for all of us and some we feel that only the women can do.

OUR DAY OF PRAYER.

At the first meeting of our Conference the first day of Lent was adopted as a day of special prayer for our mission and missionaries. As many of our societies observe the following week as a week of prayer, would it not be wise to change the day to the second Wednesday in Lent, thus bringing it within the week of prayer? The Literature Committee in preparing the week-of-prayer topics can then reserve the Wednesday afternoon of that week for the special subject of missions. The more we think and plan and study about missions the more we feel that without prayer our labor will be in vain. We may sow and water, but only God can give the increase.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

At our last meeting the Conference expressed the wish that the present arrangement with the editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, by which we receive a certain amount of space weekly for a Woman's Missionary Department, be continued. If any changes are contemplated in this department they should receive careful consideration and no action should be taken without due conference with the editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*.

In my own mind only a few points are clear. 1. We owe a heavy debt of gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, who for years has done practically the whole work of the department. 2. That we are likewise indebted to the editor of the *Visitor* for his generosity in the matter of space, frequently giving more than the amount promised.

This indebtedness we can in some measure repay by making the department as attractive and interesting as possible, and by using our influence to extend the circulation of the *Visitor*.

3. That at present the missionary societies are not strong enough to warrant them in undertaking a separate publication on their own responsibility.

OUR GENERAL LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

At the meeting in Savannah our Literature Committee was reorganized on a different basis. A central committee of three being located at or near the same place, with an advisory member in each synodical society. This committee has done faithful work and the unexpected demand for our publications outside our own territory is a matter for congratulation. The synodical societies have cheerfully appropriated the funds necessary for the support of this committee and I believe they have found it money well invested. The report of the committee will give details of the work.

I recommend the continuation of this committee on the present basis and the reappointment of the same central committee, as experience is a valuable asset in this work.

OUR THANK OFFERING FUND.

I find that much confusion exists in the minds of many in regard to this fund. To go into details here would lengthen this report unnecessarily. Therefore I recommend:

1. That a full and definite statement be made before the Conference as to the history, aim and object of this fund.

2. That our Literature Committee be instructed to prepare a leaflet on the Thank-Offering fund for free distribution, the same to be paid for out of the fund if necessary.

3. That we use every effort to increase the fund by special offerings in order that we may repay the Board of Foreign Missions the money advanced for the Saga home, and that no new object for this fund be specified until this amount has been paid.

4. That the home mission half of this fund be devoted to United Synod Home Missions.

5. That a Thank-Offering Secretary be reappointed.

MISSION STUDY CLASSES.

It gives us great pleasure to have with us at our Conference, Miss Sarah Van Gundy, of Washington, D. C., who will conduct the mission study classes. We, all of us, appreciate this opportunity to hear one who has given much time and thought to this work. I have not yet heard of a mission study class that failed

utterly, and I have heard of some which succeeded under most adverse conditions. Never before in the history of missions has it been possible for the Christian world to have so clear an understanding of the whole problem involved. The material for study is easily obtainable and the mission study class has become an important factor in our work. But what are we going to do with our knowledge? Shall we close the eyes of our understanding to the conclusions which such study forces upon us?

If we take our stand by Christ and try to "view the world of men from this high vantage ground" we cannot but share Christ's vision of a world which groaneth and travaileth together until he shall appear. And "he who shares Christ's vision shares His work." This vision constitutes our commission to be one of His "sent ones." He will show us where we shall be of most use to Him, whether at home or abroad, because we have not chosen Him, but He hath chosen us. Dare we, any of us, be disobedient to this heavenly vision?

MRS. WYTHE F. MOREHEAD.

An interesting discussion on Mission Study was conducted by Miss Sarah I. Van Gundy. The session was closed by singing, The Church's One Foundation.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2:30 P. M.

The session was opened by prayer led by Rev. E. A. Shenk.

A letter of greeting from Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, editor of *Lutheran Mission Work,* was read by the president.

Rev. W. H. Greever, editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and manager of the Board of Publication, brought greetings from our Publication Board and gave to each member of the Conference a souvenir issued from our new printing plant.

Greetings from our Japan workers were delivered by the Children's Missionary, Rev. A. J. Stirewalt of Kumamoto, Japan.

An offering of $14.86 was made to be used in defraying incidental expenses of the Conference, balance to go toward the fund for the Missionary Exhibit.

The time of Thursday's session was changed from the morning to the afternoon in order to give the delegates an opportunity to attend the session of United Synod.

The following visitors were enrolled as advisory members:

Mrs. R. T. Hopkins, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Mrs. C. R. W. Kegley, Bluefield, W. Va.
Mrs. M. L. Rudisill, Cherryville, N. C.
Mrs. W. S. Wunder, Mt. Jackson, Va.
Mrs. Edw. Brekhus, Norge, Va.
Mrs. G. H. Cox, Glass, N. C.
Mrs. Geo. W. Holland, Newberry, S. C.
Miss Mattie Akard, Washington, D. C.
Mrs. J. C. Seegers, Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer, Greeneville, Tenn.
Mrs. Sarah I. Van Gundy, Washington, D. C.

The General Literature Committee submitted their report, which was received and referred to committee.

Report of General Literature Committee.

Your committee went into office two years ago with no capital except a rich store of inexperience.

The two years' term of service has convinced us of the great opportunities and possibilities of the work.

Information is the key to interest, and missionary literature is the inner key to missionary information.

Through the monthly meetings is the best opportunity of reaching the auxiliaries. The interest and helpfulness of these meetings depend largely on the programs and helps supplied the societies. There is no reaping without the sowing of seed and there is no surer nor more bountiful harvest than that which is guaranteed by the distribution of good missionary literature.

During the year 1909 so many calls for leaflets and program helps were received that it was decided to prepare for the year 1910, packages containing programs, and leaflets suitable for readings. These packages were prepared and taken to all of the conventions, with a proposition to furnish them to all of the societies. We received the hearty support of all of the synodical societies, each of which made an appropriation for this purpose, which enabled us to offer these packages free to all the auxiliaries, including those not connected with any synodical organization. The sale of these programs and leaflets to other societies and denominations has been greater than our greatest expectations, and has convinced us that there is great opportunity for the enlargement of our work.

During the biennuim the Thank-Offering boxes, which had been prepared and contracted for by the former committee, have been printed and eight thousand have been distributed.

The Board of Foreign Missions provided us with ten thousand boxes for the ingathering of funds among the children for the support of the Children's Missionary. These boxes have all been distributed. If the Conference wishes another edition, this convention should request the Board of Foreign Missions to furnish them.

We make grateful acknowledgement of the kindness of our Board of Publication in attending to the mailing of these boxes without charge.

Six thousand Week of Prayer envelopes were issued, and reports show the largest observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-denial in our history.

The Constitution for Woman's Societies, adopted by the Savannah Conference, have been printed and given free circulation.

Five hundred copies of the programs for 1910 were issued and proved an insufficient supply for the demand.

The following leaflets have been issued from new manuscript: "A Plea for the Twelve," "The Third Prayer," "The Diary of One Member for Last Year," "My Christmas Thank-Offering."

Through the courtesy of the author, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, and of the South Carolina Synodical Literature Committee, reprints were made of "Love's Offering," and "Aunt Dinah's Starry Crown."

We incorporate the two financial statements following:

STATEMENT OF SECRETARY OF LITERATURE FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1910.

Receipts from sales of literature		$119.50
Expenditures.		
Postage	$29.13	
Paid other Boards for tracts	48.51	
Paid to Treasurer on literature sales	34.91	
Balance on hand Sept. 1,	6.95	
Total	$119.50	
Tracts Printed.		
No. of tracts printed from new manuscripts		11,500
Reprints		4,000
Total		15,500

MRS. E. C. CRONK,
Secretary of Literature.

Report of Treasurer of the General Literature Committee for Biennium Ending Sept. 1, 1910.

Receipts.

From S. C. Synodical Society	$ 55.00
From N. C. Synodical Society	45.00
From S. W. Va. Synodical Society	40.00
From Holston Synodical Society	4.95
From Georgia Synod Mission Committee	18.00
From Literature Sec. on sales of literature	34.91
Total Receipts	$197.86
Total Disbursements	$167.38
Balance on hand	$ 30.48

Disbursements.

To purchase of 1908 Programs from former Committee	$ 9.75
To Purchase of Leaflets from other Boards	6.33
To Printing	136.57
To Thank-Offering Boxes	10.50
To Postage, Express and Freight	4.23
Total	$167.38

AMELIA HABENICHT, Treas.
General Literature Committee.

Manuscript for the programs and leaflets for 1911 has been prepared. It was the expectation of the committee to have them printed by the first of August.

We delayed publication for two reasons.

1st. It was our wish to have them issued from the newly installed press of our own Publication Board.

2nd. Because of the possibility of arrangements being made to supply the missionary societies of the General Council with our programs.

These two causes of delay are of more than usual significance to our work. Our printing plant means much for the future of our work because of the willingness of the management to aid us in the issuing of literature at lowest possible cost.

We are glad to report that it is practically assured that the General Council societies will adopt our programs for next year. We trust this is a forecast of a co-operation in literature which shall mean much for both bodies in the future.

Much interest in literature for children's societies has been manifested. A constitution has been prepared which will be submitted at this meeting.

It is the expectation of the committee to have ready for the work of the year 1911, packages of literature for leaders of children's societies.

One of the greatest needs of our work is more literature, especially more free literature. We appeal to our women who are gifted writers to use their talents in producing missionary literature, and we appeal to our women who are gifted with money to make contributions for the purpose of circulating such literature.

During the last biennium the Literature Committee of the General Synod Society distributed 44,000 free tracts.

We wish to acknowledge with gratitude, the very helpful courtesies and advice given our committee by Miss Sallie M. Protzman, Literature Secretary of the General Synod Society.

It would be of untold advantage if a co-operative literature committee could be appointed, consisting of one representative from the General Synod, one from the General Council, and one from the United Synod of the South. We recommend that this convention take the first step in this direction.

We call the attention of the Conference to the fact that we have not officially adopted and put on sale an order of service. We recommend that some action be taken in this direction, either adopting the United Service prepared by the Southwest Virginia Committee, if arrangements can be made to secure the edition now on hand, or else that a new order be published.

With the firm conviction that the amount of the contributions made for the cause of missions depends in large measure on the amount of missionary literature circulated, we ask for the most generous contributions possible for this work.

MRS. KATE EARGLE,
MISS AMELIA HABENICHT,
MRS. E. C CRONK,
General Literature Committee.

Rev. W. H. Greever led the Conference in a closing prayer.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2:30 P. M.

The session was begun with a devotional service conducted by the President.

The Corresponding Secretary made the following report, which was received and adopted:

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	45
Membership	1439
Children's Societies and Cradle Rolls	25
Total Contributions	$7,215.78

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	34
Membership	615
Children's Societies	14
Total Contributions	$3,092.21

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	8
Contributions	$1,049.18

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	15
Contributions	$ 463.75

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	53
Young People's Societies	7
Total Membership	1890
Children's Societies	34
Membership	1190
Total Contributions	$8,687.32

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	7
Membership	479
Young People's Societies	7
Membership	412
Children's Societies	4
Membership	174
Total Contributions	$218.50

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Women's Societies	
Membership	284
Young People's Societies	5
Membership	252
Children's Societies	
Membership	465
Total Contributions	$578.91

FANNIE M. BRINGMAN,
Corresponding Secretary.

The Reporting Treasurer made the following report which was received and adopted:

Report of Reporting Treasurer.

TOTAL OFFERINGS FROM WOMAN'S AND CHILDREN'S SOCIETIES FOR BIENNIUM 1908-1910.

North Carolina to Aug. 1910	$8,687.32
South Carolina to Sept. 1910	7,215.78
S. W. Virginia to Aug. 1910	3,092.21
Holston to Aug. 1910	463.75
Georgia to Sept. 1910	578.91
Virginia to Aug. 1910	1,049.18
Tennessee to Aug. 1910	218.50
	$21,305.65

AMELIA HABENICHT,
Reporting Treasurer.

The Thank-Offering Secretary read the following report:

Report of Thank-Offering Secretary.

THANK OFFERING FOR BIENNIUM 1908-1910.

North Carolina to Aug. 1910	$1,577.14
South Carolina to Sept. 1910	2,661.70
S. W. Virginia to Aug. 1910	377.07
Holston to Aug. 1910	27.42
Georgia to Sept. 1910	305.90
Virginia to Sept. 1910	22.00
Tennessee (no report).	
Total	$4,971.23

AMELIA HABENICHT,
Thank-Offering Secretary.

Report adopted.

It was moved and carried that election of officers be by uninstructed ballot.

The election resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Salem, Va.
1st Vice-President, Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher, Staunton, Va.
2d Vice-President, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Columbia, S. C.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Roanoke, Va.

Reporting Treasurer and Thank-Offering Secretary, Miss Amelia Habenicht, Columbia, S. C.

Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., President of the United Synod, brought greetings of that body to the Conference.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise the constitution, and present it at the next meeting.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That we express to the United Synod our appreciation of the printing of our minutes under the same cover with the United Synod minutes last year, and that we request a continuance of the same favor this year.

The Committee on Report of General Literature Committee submitted its report which was received and considered by items.

Report of Committee on General Literature Committee's Report.

We commend the Literature Committee for the excellent report rendered and rejoice that their work has prospered.

We urge the Synodical Societies to increase their appropriations as rapidly as the work demands.

We recommend:

1st. That the Board of Foreign Missions be requested to again furnish boxes for the use of our children's societies.

2nd. That we heartily commend the recommendation of the committee that this Conference take the first step towards a co-operative literature committee by appointing a member from the United Synod and urging the General Council and the General Synod each to appoint one.

3rd. That action be taken towards the adoption of an order of service.

MRS. J. G. BRINGMAN,
MRS. J. H. HARMS,
MRS. E. A. SHENK.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Moved and carried to adopt the United Service, published by the Literature Committee of the Southwest Virginia Synodical Society, provided satisfactory arrangements

can be made by the General Literature Committee for the transfer of the present edition.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The President appointed Mrs. E. C. Cronk as representative from the United Synod on Cooperative Literature Committee.

It was moved and carried to postpone the Mission Study Class until 5 o'clock, in order to take up discussion of the President's Report.

The Committee on President's Report submitted the following report, which was received and considered by items:

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The report of our President comes into our hands bearing the stamp of official fidelity and active service in the conduct of the Woman's Missionary Conference.

We call your attention to the following items requiring your consideration:

1st. Inasmuch as the first day of Lent, or Ash Wednesday, was adopted at the first Woman's Conference held at Dallas, and because of the fact that we need constantly to increase, rather than diminish our prayer days and seasons, we would urge that no change shall be made in this day of prayer.

2. That we heartily endorse the President's recommendation concerning our Woman's Department of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, and urge that this Conference shall definitely and carefully discuss any possible plans for better and more effective service along this line.

3. We recommend the adoption of the item concerning the work of our Literature Committee as a whole.

4. That the Thank-Offering to the Forward Movement Fund be so fully discussed and explained at this conference as to make the mistakes of the past improbable for the future.

5. We recommend and encourage most heartily the organization of mission study classes, *wherever* possible, and suggest that to this phase of work many of the women here present should give their personal service. This work, properly developed, will prove the "missing link" between the children's society and that of the adults. As a means of interesting the young men and women of the church, it is an invaluable aid. We would express sincere appreciation of Miss Van Gundy's excellent and helpful suggestions in this line of work.

We call this Conference to a thoughtful recognition of the obligation due our President for past intelligent and willing service. Let us express this appreciation by climbing with her those heights from which the vision will glorify every future task.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. O. J. KREPS,
MRS. L. A. FOX,
MRS. A. D. R. HANCHER.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted, followed by free discussion. A motion prevailed that a committee be appointed to discuss plans with the editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and make recommendations. The committee appointed consisted of Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Mrs. J. H. Harms and Mrs. E. A. Shenk. Consideration of report was suspended for the Mission Study Class period.

The Conference gave Miss Van Gundy a rising vote of thanks for her work.

Mrs. E. L. Stratford, of the Baptist Missionary Union of the city of Richmond, extended the greetings of her organization.

Rev. R. C. Holland, President of the Board of Foreign Missions, presented to the Conference a number of copies of "Japan for Christ," which were received with thanks.

Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., of Philadelphia, Pa., pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

The opening devotional service was conducted by Miss Gertrude Simpson. Informal greetings from North Carolina were given by Mrs. R. C. Holland, who presented the following resolution from the young people of North Carolina:

Resolved, That the young people of the several synods place a memorial room in the Japan mission school, at a cost of not less than $500, and not exceeding $1,000, the exact amount to be determined by the gifts from the young people.

After full discussion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we endorse the movement of the young people of North Carolina to raise $1,000 for a memorial room in the Japan school and heartily recommend that the matter be brought before the young people of the United Synod.

It was moved and carried that one member of each delegation be appointed to take charge of this work in her own territory.

The President made the following appointments for the different synods:

South Carolina, Miss Gertrude Simpson.

Virginia, Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher.

Tennessee, Miss Ada Miller, Mrs. J. H. Dingelhoef, Miss Mattie Frick.

Southwestern Virginia, Miss May Scherer.

Holston, Miss Louie Bible.

Georgia, Miss Georgia Kuck.

Rev. Dr. Ramer, Superintendent of the Slav Mission Work of the General Council, was introduced, and spoke of the needs of the work among foreign-born Lutherans in our territory.

The discussion of President's Report was resumed.

The following recommendations concerning Item 2 were brought in by Committee on Woman's Department in the *Lutheran Church Visitor:*

1. That it is the judgment of the Conference that it is not wise to attempt a separate publication at present.
2. That an advisory Editorial Board be appointed to co-operate with the management of the *Lutheran Church Visitor,*
3. That in order to do effective work this committee shall be constituted of persons living in or near Columbia, S. C.
4. That this committee shall be elected at each meeting of this Conference.
5. That the chairman of the advisory Editorial Board be the Editor-in-chief of the Woman's Missionary Department of the *Lutheran Church Visitor.*

The report was adopted by items.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synodical Societies be requested to furnish money to cover expenses of editor of Woman's Department to their conventions.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Discussed freely, and the following resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That the Thank-Offering Fund be designated and understood to be a thank-offering for the Home Mission work and the Japan work of the United Synod.

Resolved, That the foreign part of our Thank-Offering be devoted to the school in Japan after the Saga Home obligation has been met.

Item 5. Adopted.

Item 6. Adopted by rising vote.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The constitution for Children's Society was read and discussed, and referred to a committee consisting of Mrs. R. C. Holland, Mrs. L. A. Fox and Mrs. J. Henry Harms.

Miss Gertrude Simpson addressed the Conference on the subject of Field Work.

A paper on Deaconess Work was read by Miss Mary Lou Bowers.

Delegates to the general bodies were elected as follows: To General Council Federation, Mrs. E. C. Cronk. To General Synod Convention, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following report, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, 1. That we express to the people of the First English Lutheran church, of Richmon,d Va., our sincere appreciation of the kind hospitality extended to us while in their midst.

Resolved, 2. That the thanks of the Conference be expressed to the congregation of the First English Lutheran church for the printing of the programs furnished us.

Resolved, 3. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to Rev. A. J. Stirewalt for his services in securing a collection of curios for this body.

Resolved, 4. That we thank Mrs. C. L. Fry, of the General Council and Miss Van Gundy, of the General Synod for their words of greeting and encouragement extended to us.

Resolved, 5. That we thank the Board of Foreign Missions for furnishing the children's boxes and the Board of Publication for mail'ng the Thank-Offering boxes.

Resolved, 6. That we thank the daily papers of Richmond for the courtesies shown us.

MRS. J. H. DINGELHOEF,
MRS. W. H. RISER.

The session was closed by a devotional service led by the Secretary.

The closing prayer was led by Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D.D.

MRS. E. C. CRONK,
SECRETARY.

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS UNITED SYNOD—1910

Index Number.	SYNODS.	When Organized.	PAROCHIAL																						
							LOSSES			ACCESSIONS										FINANCES					
			Ministers.	Churches.	Stations.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	By Death.	By Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmation.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Baptized Members.	Confirmed Members.	Total Members.	Increase Confirmed Members Since Last U. S.	Decrease Confirmed Members Since Last U. S.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	All Local Expenses by the Congregation.		
1	North Carolina	1803	47	67	..	15	978	148	155	190	434	30	284	210	10	3770	8977	12747	71	.....	$ 479367	$ 16549	00	$ 51672	40
2	Tennessee	1820	48	130	..	5	1452	150	125	178	653	....	525	157	..	5601	11063	16664	213	.....	294176	.....		30910	67
3	South Carolina	1824	49	77	2	8	606	152	152	68	418	60	325	206	22	3156	11080	14236	777	.....	501508	29197	58	42072	85
4	Virginia*	1829	32	59	3	9	264	82	52	87	139	83	145	82	11	6504	6066	12570	.....	3	305200	76726	67	13553	14
5	S. W. Virginia	1842	32	68	..	2	222	75	58	100	114	67	112	165	1	6495	4996	11491	178	.....	243020	12215	00	3347	00
6	Mississippi	1855	6	13	..	1	....	2	1	....	5	6	9	1	..	640	815	1455	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	
7	Georgia	1860	13	22	2	1	168	29	18	1	121	19	105	57	..	1444	3559	5003	232	.....	246800	8587	00	20503	00
8	Holston	1861	8	25	..	1	195	25	12	10	65	13	70	13	..	683	1605	2288	.....	45	54760	853	38	6090	31
	8 Synods		235	461	7	42	3885	663	573	634	1949	278	1575	891	44	28293	48161	76454	1471	48	$2124825	$ 72024	63	$168149	37

*From Minutes of 1909.

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS UNITED SYNOD—1910—CONCLUDED

Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS					Y. P. SOCIETIES			BENEVOLENCE														
	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Local Expenses By the Schools.	Benevolence By the Schools.	Number of Members.	Local Expenses By Societies.	Benevolence By Societies.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Theological Seminary and Colleges.	Ministerial Education.	W. H. & F. M. Societies.	Pastor's Fund.	Orphan Home.	Aid Societies.	External Objects.	Total Local Expenses.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	56	714	7091	$ 3021 40	$1170 95	3364	$3237 20	$1281 39	$ 852 70	$1854 06	$1093 20	$1631 45	$ 459 70	$ 536 70	$2676 05	$ 38 30	$1018 85	$ 289 30	$ 680 00	$ 57931 00	$ 12114 65	$ 70045 65
2	86	736	6548	.....	.....	277	.....	.....	1019 30	365 66	832 57	.....	472 68	800 00	.....	100 00	659 30	.....	1144 43	30910 67	5393 54	36304 21
3	63	636	5195	2391 09	1287 81	487	.....	165 00	2229 48	1220 04	683 85	545 98	936 96	901 17	2500 79	113 75	531 03	843 29	.....	53780 47	14571 53	68352 00
3	50	600	4154	2240 81	1146 65	1129	1833 85	285 32	341 07	2202 22	3094 63	32 00	151 85	154 50	631 10	217 77	930 33	.....	989 44	17627 80	10176 88	27804 68
5	60	612	3882	1501 81	477 57	222	269 73	32 98	111 17	1188 17	948 20	523 72	337 98	90 74	1231 05	523 72	96 01	.....	.....	5118 11	5561 31	10679 42
6	6	39	251	.....	12 00	....	.....	.....	51 90	50 00	50 00	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	263 90	263 90
7	17	253	1807	2843 00	549 00	252	.....	239 00	975 00	1278 00	446 00	355 00	693 00	275 00	851 00	.....	227 00	116 00	.....	24702 00	6223 00	30925 00
8	16	104	795	125 50	73 50	178	.....	300 15	99 50	747 85	176 49	11 00	22 26	.....	.....	.....	98 00	.....	147 60	6215 81	1676 35	7892 16
	354	3694	29723	$12123 18	$4717 48	5909	$5340 78	$2303 84	$5674 12	$8906 00	$7324 94	$1631 15	$3174 43	$2758 11	$7889 99	$993 54	$3560 52	$1248 59	$2961 47	$196285 86	$ 55891 16	$252266 92

STATISTICS OF THE LUTHERAN ORPHAN HOME OF THE UNITED SYNOD

PROF. J. T. CRABTREE, Superintendent

LOCATION.	When Established.	INMATES				No. Graduated.	Additions Past 2 Yrs.	Losses in Two Yrs			FINANCES			
		T'ch'rs & Ass'ts.	Male Children.	Female Childr'n.	Total.			Death.	Otherwise.	Total.	Estimated Value of All Property.	Gifts in Kind for Two Years.	Gifts in Cash for Two Years.	Total.
Salem, Va.	1888	7	38	48	93	4	22	1	6	7	$40000 00	$1200 00	$11537 70	$12737 70

MISSIONS OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

No. of Missions.	Name of Mission.		Location.	District Synod.	Name of Pastor.	Appropriations by the Board			
						For Lot.	For Building.	For Support. Annual.	Total.
1	Greeneville	....	Tennessee	Holston	Vacant	.....	.....	$ 250 00	$ 250 00
2	Morristown	....	Tennessee	Holston	Vacant	.....	.....	200 00	200 00
3	Bristol	....	Tennessee	S. W. Virginia	J. W. Link	.....	.....	250 00	250 00
4	Bluefield	....	West Virginia	S. W. Virginia	C. R. W. Kegley	}	.....	240 00	240 00
5	Graham	....	Virginia	S. W. Virginia	C. R. W. Kegley				
6	Radford	....	Virginia	S. W. Virginia	Paul Sieg	}	.....	190 00	190 00
7	Pulaski	....	Virginia	S. W. Virginia	Vacant				
8	Spartanburg	....	South Carolina	South Carolina	S. T. Hallman	.....	.....	120 00	120 00
9	Olympia Mills	....	South Carolina	South Carolina	C. E. Weltner	.....	.....	200 00	200 00
10	Louisville	....	Mississippi	Mississippi	Vacant	.....	.....	180 00	180 00
11	Greensboro	....	North Carolina	North Carolina	J. E. Shenk	$4000 00	.....	381 00	4681 00
12	Lenoir	....	North Carolina	Tennessee	J. A. Yount	.....	$2000 00	400 00	2400 00
13	Brunswick	....	Georgia	Georgia	S. L. Nease	.....	3000 00	.....	3000 00
14	Lexington	....	North Carolina	North Carolina	V. Y. Boozer	.....	500 00	.....	500 00
	14 Missions	....	6 States	7 District Synods	7 Pastors	$4000 00	$5500 00	$2711 00	$12211 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD

No. of Missions.	NAME OF MISSION.	When Established.	Location of Mission.	PASTOR.	No. of Members.	S. S. Members.	Church Lots.	Church Houses.	Parsonages.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Appropriations for Support: By the United Synod.	By the District Synod.	Total.
1	Woman's Memorial	1907	High Point, N. C.	M. L. Canup	53	55	1	1	....	$ 8162 00	.....	$ 300 00	$ 300 00
2	Greensboro	1907	Greensboro, N. C.	J. E. Shenk	24	....	1	.....	.....	4000 00	$ 681 00		681 00
3	St. Mark's	1907	Mooresville, N. C.	J. L. Morgan	30	....	1	1	1	6000 00	.....	1000 00	1000 00
4	Emanuel	1907	Landis, N. C.	J. L. Morgan	39	115	1	1	....	2500 00			
5	Christ Church	1870	Spencer, N. C.	R. A. Goodman	96	80	1	1	1	3500 00	.....	130 00	130 00
6	Calvary	1905	Spencer, N. C.	R. A. Goodman	23	27	1	....	....	350 00			
7	First Church	1905	Lexington, N. C.	V. Y. Boozer	67	61	1	1	1	12100 00	.....	300 00	300 00
8	St. Andrew's	1893	Concord, N. C.	C. R. Pless	142	135	1	1	1	5000 00	.....	67 50	67 50
9	Mt. Hermon	1881	Cabarrus Co., N. C.	C. R. Pless	76	33	1	1	....	500 00			
10	Lebanon	1893	Barber, N. C.	T. C. Parker	64	64	1	1	1	2500 00			
11	Providence	1871	Mocksville, N. C.	T. C. Parker	39	....	1	1	1	545 00	.....	108 00	108 00
12	St. Matthew's	1847	Mocksville, N. C.	T. C. Parker	44	35	1	1	....	900 00			
13	Nazareth	1785	Rural Hall, N. C.	J. A. L. Miller	91	70	1	1	1	1800 00			
14	Bethany	1889	Stokes Co., N. C.	J. A. L. Miller	36	71	1	1	....	800 00	.....	189 00	189 00
15	Shiloh	....	Forsyth Co., N. C.	J. A. L. Miller	48	45	1	1	....	1000 00			
	15 Missions	....	8 Pastorates	8 Pastors	872	791	15	13	6	$49657 00	$681 00	$2094 50	$2775 50

HOME MISSIONS OF THE GEORGIA SYNOD

1	St. James'	1905	Brunswick, Ga.	S. L. Nease	42	23	1	....	....	$1000 00	.....	.....	.....
2	St. Paul	....	Fitzgerald, Ga.		13	....	1	1	....	1000 00	.....	$ 200 00	$ 200 00
3	Haralson	....	Haralson, Ga.	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	3 Missions	....	3 Pastorates	1 Pastor	13	....	2	1	....	$1000 00	.....	$ 200 00	$ 200 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD

No. of Missions.	NAME OF MISSION.	When Established.	LOCATION OF MISSION.	PASTOR.	No. of Members.	S. S. Members.	Church Lot.	Church House.	Parsonage.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Appropriations for Support		
											By United Synod	By the District Synod.	Total.
1	Woman's Memorial	1902	Spartanburg, S. C.	S. T. Hallman	47	25	1	1	....	$120000 00	$ 120 00	$ 500 00	$ 620 00
2	Greenwood	1902	Greenwood, S. C.	S. T. Hallman	16	27	1	1	....	3500 00			
3	St. James'	....	Sumter, S. C.	E. H. Kohn	56	44	1	1	....	6000 00	.....	180 00	180 00
4	St. Luke's	....	Columbia, S. C.	C. E. Weltner	95	167	1	1	1	4000 00	200 00	500 00	700 00
5	Trinity	....	Saluda Co., S. C.	N. D. Bodie	88	34	1	1	1	1000 00	.....	200 00	200 00
6	Mt. Pleasant	....	Saluda, S. C.	N. D. Bodie	38	47	1	1	1	3000 00			
7	Orange Chapel	....	Springfield, S. C.	W. H. Hiller	33	23	1	1	....	2000 00	.....	25 00	25 00
8	Mayer Memorial	....	Newberry, S. C.	J. D. Shealy	114	82	1	1	....	1500 00	.....	180 00	180 00
9	First Church	....	Greenville, S. C.	Vacant	28	19	....	....	....	.....	.....	120 00	120 00
10	Silver Street	....	Silver Street, S. C.	S. P. Koon	32	36	1	1	....	2500 00	.....	100 00	100 00
11	St. Nicholas	....	Barnwell Co., S. C.	W. B. Aull	65	34	1	1	....	1000 00	.....	300 00	300 00
12	Fairfax	....	Barnwell Co., S. C.	W. B. Aull	21	....	1	1	....	1600 00			
	12 Missions	....	9 Pastorates	8 Pastors	633	538	11	11	3	38100 00	$320 00	$2105 00	$2425 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE TENNESSEE SYNOD

1	Gap Creek	1897	Watauga Co., N. C.	H. A. Kistler	13	....	....	....	....	.....			
2	Mt. Pleasant	....	Watauga Co., N. C.	H. A. Kistler	67	39	1	1	....	$ 13000 00			
3	Mt. zion	1896	Watauga Co., N. C.	H. A. Kistler	24	34	1	1	....	775 00	.....	$ 200 00	$ 200 00
4	Holy Communion	....	Watauga Co., N. C.	H. A. Kistler	43	28	1	1	....	.....			
5	Blowing Rock	1904	Watauga Co., N. C.	H. A. Kistler	19	....	1	1	....	.....			
6	Morning Star	....	Union Co., N. C.	R. H. Cline	40	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	250 00	250 00
7	St. Luke's	....	Union Co., N. C.	R. H. Cline	24	....	....	....	....	.....			
8	Emmanuel	....	Davidson Co., N. C.	A. L. Boliek	73	....	1	1	....	600 00	.....	.....	.....
9	Lenoir	1908	Lenoir, N. C.	W. A. Deaton	50	....	....	....	....	.....	400 00	800 00	1200 00
10	West Hickory	1908	Hickory, N. C.	W. A. Deaton	40	120	....	....	....	.....			
11	Bethel	....	Manassas, Va.	J. K. Efird	67	60	1	1	1	5500 00	.....	315 00	315 00
12	Trinity	....	Manassas, Va.	J. K. Efird	25	41	1	1	....	700 00			
	12 Missions	....	5 Pastorates	5 Pastors	585	322	7	6	2	$8875 00	$400 00	$1565 00	$1965 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE HOLSTON SYNOD

1	Greeneville	....	Greeneville, Tenn.	.....	27	32	1	1	....	$ 2500 00	$ 230 00	$ 200 00	$ 450 00
2	Holy Trinity	....	Morristown, Tenn.	.....	38	40	1	1	....	3000 00	200 00	.....	200 00
	2 Missions	....	2 Pastorates	No Pastors	65	72	2	2	....	$5500 00	$400 00	$250 00	$650 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE VIRGINIA SYNOD

No. of Missions.	NAME OF MISSION.	when Established.	LOCATION OF MISSION.	PASTOR.	No. of Members.	S. S. Members.	Church Lots.	Church Houses.	Parsonages.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Appropriations for Support		
											By the United Synod.	By the District Synod	Total.
1	St. Peter's	....	Wardensville, W. Va..	C. W. Hepner	....	....	1	1	1	.....			
2	Hebron	....	Wardensville, W. Va..	C. W. Hepner	....	....	1	1	....	.....			
3	Fairview	....	Wardensville, W. Va..	C. W. Hepner	173	135	1	1	....	$ 5700 00	.....	$ 150 00	$ 150 00
4	Trout Run	....	Wardensville, W. Va..	C. W. Hepner	....	....	1	1	....	.....			
5	Muhlenberg	....	Harrisonburg, Va.....	Vacant	79	75	1	1	....	6270 00	.....	500 00	500 00
6	St. Peter's	....	Churchville, Va.....	W. W. J. Ritchie....	47	75	1	1	1	2000 00	.....	125 00	125 00
7	Pleasant View	....	Churchville, Va.....	W. W. J. Ritchie....	82	92	1	1	....	1000 00	.....	150 00	150 00
8	Trinity	....	Buena Vista, Va.....	J. G. Graichen.....	30	20	1	1	....	9500 00	.....	50 00	50 00
9	Grace	....	Waynesboro, Va.....	J. G. Graichen.....	105	66	1	1	1	9500 00	.....	100 00	100 00
10	Frieden's	....	Rockingham Co., Va..	Geo. E. Shuey.....	67	134	1	1	1	2000 00			
11	St. John's	....	Bridgewater, Va.....	Geo. E. Shuey.....	59	71	1	1	1	2500 00	.....	75 00	75 00
12	Trinity	....	Rockingham Co., Va..	Geo. E. Shuey.....	26	....	1	1	....	900 00			
13	Portsmouth	1908	Portsmouth, Va.....	J. W. Shuey.....	53	32	1	1	....	10000 00	.....	900 00	900 00
	13 Missions	....	6 Pastorates.....	5 Pastors.....	721	700	13	13	5	$49470 00	.....	$2050 00	$2050 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SYNOD

1	Goodman	....	Goodman, Miss.....	.....	75	50	1	1	....	$ 3500 00	$ 180 00	.....	$ 180 00
2	Louisville	....	Louisville, Miss.....	.....	15	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	2 Missions	....	2 Pastorates.....	No Pastors.....	90	50	1	1	....	$ 3500 00	$ 180 00	.....	$ 180 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD

No. of Missions.	NAME OF MISSION.	When Established.	LOCATION OF MISSION.	PASTOR.	No. of Members.	S. S. Members.	Church Lots.	Church Houses.	Parsonages.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Appropriations for Support		
											By the United Synod.	By the District Synod.	Total.
1	Church of Redeemer..	1903	Bristol, Tenn.....	Rev. J. W. Link...	64	46	1	1	....	$ 12000 00	$ 250 00	$ 200 00	$ 450 00
2	Immanuel.....	1889	Bluefield, W. Va.....	C. R. W. Kegley..	43	56	1	1	1	8000 00	300 00	400 00	700 00
3	Wartburg.....	1889	Graham, Va.....	C. R. W. Kegley..	70	86	1	1	....	3700 00			
4	Christ Church.....	1891	Radford, Va.....	Paul Sieg.....	51	43	1	1	....	3000 00	.....	800 00	800 00
5	Woman's Memorial...	1888	Pulaski, Va.....	L. A. Fox.....	70	75	1	1	1	8000 00	.....	.....	.....
6	Holy Trinity.....	1903	Lynchburg, Va.....	Vacant.....	83	57	1	1	1	10000 00	.....	550 00	550 00
	6 Missions.....		5 Pastorates.....	5 Pastors.....	384	381	6	6	3	$ 44700 00	$550 00	$1950 00	$2500 00

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL EIGHT SYNODS

	65 Missions.....	....	40 Pastorates.....	32 Pastors.....	3263	2854	57	53	19	$200802 00	$2531 00	$10214 50	$12745 50

STATISTICS OF THE JAPAN MISSION FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING SEPTEMBER 6, 1910

Number.	STATIONS.	Native Population.	Preaching Places.	Churches.	Chapels.	Parsonages.	FORCES IN FIELD: Missionaries and Wives.	FORCES IN FIELD: Assoc'te Miss. and Wives.	FORCES IN FIELD: Native Pastors and Helpers.	FORCES IN FIELD: Total.	SCHOOLS: Theo. Seminaries.	SCHOOLS: Students.	SCHOOLS: Kindergartens.	SCHOOLS: Teachers.	SCHOOLS: Pupils.	SCHOOLS: Sunday Schools.	SCHOOLS: Teachers.	SCHOOLS: Pupils.	MEMBERSHIP: Baptized in 1909.	MEMBERSHIP: Enrollment.	MEMBERSHIP: Resident.	MEMBERSHIP: Gains in 2 years.	FINANCES: Benevolence.	FINANCES: Annual Self-support average per member.
1	Saga	35000	2	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	3	35	1	....	....	....	204	78	....	.....	.....
2	Kumamoto	80000	3	1	....	2	....	....	....	....	1	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	82	64	....	.....	.....
3	Omuta	20000	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50	42	....	.....	.....
4	Hakata	70000	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	66	61	....	.....	.....
5	Kurume	35000	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	63	....	.....	.....
	5 Stations.	.....	10	2	2	2	7	6	13	26	1	5	1	3	35	12	28	688	41	443	298	31	$243 31	$2 50

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Committee on Fraternal Cooperation

The Committee on Common Book of Worship and Committee on Sunday School Literature with President of United Synod constitute such Committee. (See report on President's Report.)

Fraternal Delegates

General Council—Rev. W. H. Greever, or R. L. Fritz.

General Synod—Rev. J. H. Harms, or A. G. Voigt.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

Place—St. Paul's and Ebenezer churches, Columbia, S. C.

Time—Tuesday, 10 o'clock a. m., after the second Sunday in November, 1914.

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTEENTH CONVENTION
OF THE
UNITED SYNOD
OF THE
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South convened in the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., on Tuesday, November 12, 1912, at 8 o'clock p. m., and began the exercises of the Thirteenth regular session.

The Preparatory Service was conducted by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D., Communion services by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., and Synodical sermon by Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., President of Synod. The Holy Communion was administered to the members of Synod, delegates to the Woman's Missionary Conference, and members of the congregation.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1912, 9 A. M.

The Synod assembled and devotional services were conducted by Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D.

Judge Jno. S. Candler, acting mayor of Atlanta, Ga., was introduced to the Synod by Pastor W. C. Schaeffer, Jr. The judge most heartily welcomed the Synod to the city.

The President of the Synod responded to the address in terms pleasing and appropriate.

The clerical and lay delegates were then enrolled as follows:

ROLL OF SYNOD.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., D.D., J. E. Shenk, V. Y. Boozer, R. L. Patterson, D.D., Geo. H. Cox, D.D., R. C. Holland, D.D., H. M. Brown, J. L. Morgan, C. A. Brown and Theo. C. Parker.

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a.—Absent. a. s.—Absent until Sunday.

Lay.—Prof. G. F. McAllister, Messrs. C. M. Thompson, Jas. D. Heilig, G. C. Hine, and B. L. Umberger.

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. J. Paul Stirewalt, J. S. Wessinger, W. L. Darr, J. H. Wannemacher, W. A. Deaton, D.D., Prof. R. L. Fritz, C. K. Bell, John Hall, W. J. Boger, E. J. Sox, B. D. Wessinger, and E. L. Lybrand.

Lay.—Messrs. Ambrose L. Henkel, J. M. Rhodes, Prof. C. E. Boger.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. C. A. Freed, D.D., Jas. D. Kinard, J. H. Harms, D.D., M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., W. H. Greever. D.D., S. C. Ballentine, M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., S. T. Hallman, D.D., H. A. McCullough, P. E. Monroe, and W. P. Cline.

Lay.—Messrs. J. D. Cappelmann, Geo. B. Cromer, (a. s.), A. H. Kohn, John F. Ficken, P. C. Price, Kenneth Baker (a) E. F. Irick, W. P. Houseal, and Drs. C. L. Kibler and O. B. Mayer.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. Geo. S. Bowers, D.D., A. D. R. Hancher, J. A. Morehead, D.D., L. G. M. Miller, D.D., Peter Miller, and J. J. Scherer, Jr.

Lay.—Messrs. J. E. Cooper, Jacob Umlauf, and S. T. Shank.

SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. Chas. K. Hunton, T. O. Keister, D.D., Geo. H. Rhodes, L. A. Fox, D.D., E. L. Ritchie, J. B. Greiner, D.D.

Lay.—Messrs. H. L. Bonham, E. L. Greever, and J. S. Etter.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. C. F. W. Hoppe, D.D., T. W. Shealy, Chas. A. Phillips, and M. J. Epting, D.D.

Lay.—Messrs. H. E. Dreeson, Chas. H. Stieglitz, E. C. Swygert and J. P. Wise.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. W. H. Roof and H. G. Davis.

Lay.—Messrs. W. E. Bible and Jno. M. Litchenwanger (a).

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

Clerical.—Rev. A. W. Ballentine.

Lay.—Mr. F. R. Epting.

The President read his report, which was received and referred to Committee on President's report.

Report of President.

Dear Fathers and Brethren in Christ: By the grace of God, the seasons have been accomplished since the last meeting of this body, and we have now come to the privileges and responsibilties of the thirteenth convention of the United Synod. To Him who hath called us, be glory and honor and blessing, world without end. Amen.

There is reason for profound gratitude to God for the many evidences of progress in the work of the Church in the bounds of the United Synod since the Richmond convention. It seems clear that the Lutheran Church in the Southern States has definitely entered upon a new and larger stage of development. The rich resources of the South are attracting capital and population. By the grace of God, the Church has become conscious of the responsibility that is hers to meet with efficiency the opportunities created by this new industrial prosperity. An almost pioneer stage of growth has resulted. Suddenly the Church finds herself inadequately equipped for the larger work of her Southern territory. Her work must be planned in nearly all of its phases on a larger scale. Hence there has ensued a constructive period of activity, old enterprises being enlarged and new ones being established. This has been notably true in the field of education, in publication interests, in the commitment of Home Mission and Church Extension work to a separate board, in the establishment of the Mission School in Japan, in the substantial housing of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, and in the call for the increase of accommodations at the Orphan Home. Mention is also here made of the fact that the value of other means of Inner Mission work in the full equipemnt of the Church for broad service demands careful consideration.

What has been accomplished already in the development of the United Synod as a body and in the prosecution of the work in its various departments of activity is ground for much encouragement. However, mistakes have doubtless been made, as is to be expected. The keen appreciation of the magnitude of the impending task of the Lutheran Church in the field of the South and the consequent deep sense of responsibility have led to a general uprising for earnest but somewhat individualistic effort within the territory. Thus it seems that, acting from local or personal points of view, albeit with the best of motives, the welfare of the whole

Church has not always been subserved. There has also frequently been apparent a conflict of interests between operation of the Church, alike authorized by the Word of God and by nature capable of promoting each other. Nor has the best business judgment always been shown in the order of the presentation of the special financial undertakings of the various institutions and boards to the congregations. It is perfectly clear that a more efficient administration of the general interests of the United Synod will greatly promote the welfare of the Church, if sound and Scriptural means shall be developed to serve this end. But as important as the problems of wise administration are, even more pressing are the questions of the ways and means for the accomplishment of the actual tasks waiting to be done. To provide a suitable literature, to free from debt and to equip more adequately the Theological Seminary and the other institutions of learning, to prosecute aggressively the Home Mission work of a rapidly developing field, to nurture effectively our Japan Mission with its increasing demands, and to care for all the other interests of this great territory—this is the work in its essential character that confronts the United Synod. In view of the greatness of our field and the particular strength of our working force, wisdom of administration for the husbanding of resources and the concentration of the effort of all our people upon the various operations of the Church according to their proportionate importance claim most careful consideration. It is encouraging to note that the United Synod is becoming more and more alive to its mission. Auxiliary agencies, such as the Woman's Home and Foreign Misisonary Societies and the Laymen's Missionary Movement, have contributed materially to the quickening of our people in Church work. On the human side there have been many encouragements. But in our endeavors to serve the great Head of the Church our assured hope of fruitage and usefulness is ever in the abiding promise of His presence.

In view of these general considerations, a suggestion is submitted for the consideration of this body. No one department of the work of the United Synod can be permanently successful, however unusual or remarkable its development may be for a time, unless all the other departments of the work have corresponding growth according to their several functions in the body of the Church. Since this is true, measures should be adopted to secure better correlation of the activities of the United Synod, the prevention of a conflict of interests, the adoption of an order of working in special undertakings that will have respect to the

available financial strength of the Church and will not interfere with the regular work. To this end, it is recommended:

1. That the United Synod itself exercise the right of authorizing at its regular meeting the general budgets, apportionments for maintenance and special funds to be raised for improvements during the ensuing biennium for its various boards and institutions.

2. That the standing Committee on Finance be hereafter styled the Committee on Finance and Apportionment; that its duties shall be the reception of reports in regard to the financial wants of the various boards, both for current support and for new undertakings; their comparative consideration; and the recommendation of comprehensive action to the United Synod. It shall also be the duty of this committee to recommend ways and means to secure adequate revenue for the synodical treasury.

3. That the retiring President of the United Synod be directed to appoint and announce in the columns of the *Lutheran Church Visitor,* at least five weeks before each convention of the United Synod, the standing Committee on Finance and Apportionment.

4. That the following action of the United Synod at its Richmend convention (see page 88 of the Minutes) be reaffirmed as slightly amended: "That the United Synod instruct the chairman of the several Boards to send to the chairman of the Committee on Finance and Apportionment thirty days prior to each convention of this Synod estimates of the appropriations that will be required, in order that the committee may formulate a plan for financing the work of Synod."

5. It is recommended that the several Boards be requested, if they have not already done so, to adopt measures to secure the safe investment of all their permanent or endowment funds according to best business methods.

I trust the United Synod will permit me to express some conclusions which have been reached as the result of two years' study of conditions in our territory. If these conclusions are correct, certain definite policies should be adopted and followed so long as conditions remain as they are.

1. The usefulness of the United Synod is conditioned by the prosperity of the various District Synods and their loyalty to their general body. To promote this prosperity of the District Synods and to hold the territory for the spiritual care of a growing population, it is important that these bodies care for their country churches, develop their latent material into efficient working forces, do all possible local home mission work, increase the effic-

iency of their pastors by encouraging better ministerial support, and stress the cause of Christian education for the preparation of a more adequate body of trained workers for pulpit and pew.

2. The cause of theological education in the United Synod, under all the circumstances becomes increasingly important. The increase of the ministry, that pastorates and missions may be supplied, and the greater efficiency of our body of ministers are matters for earnest prayer and effort, if the Synod is to meet its opportunity in the growing South. The development of the Theological Seminary and the encouragement of suitable men to enter the ministry are, therefore, of great concern.

3. The efficient conduct of every department of the work, represented by the several boards, according to proportionate importance, deserves effective consideration. It is the duty of every member to endeavor to have a truly comprehensive interest in all phases of the work of the United Synod. With this point of view in mind, I can not escape the conclusion that our means for the prosecution of the work of Home Missions and Church Extension in our territory requires strengthening, in consideration of the industrial progress of this section. It may be that the time has come when the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension should be authorized to employ a general secretary.

It is deemed unnecessary to give in this report a summary of the gratifying new facts about the Theological Seminary, the Publication interests, Home Missions and Church Extension, the Japan Mission, the Orphan Home, the Laymen's Movement, and other phases of the work of the Church, because full reports will in due course be submitted by the proper officers. This body should be very grateful for the helpful special activity of the women of the Church in their auxiliary and synodical missionary societies and in the General Conference.

According to the traditions of this body, careful attention should be given to the wise cultivation of cordial relations with other Lutheran general bodies. At the last convention, the Synod authorized the appointment of a committee on fraternal cooperation, at the suggestion of the General Synod. Through some oversight, such a committee was not appointed. It is, therefore, recommended that a committee on fraternal cooperation be appointed at this convention.

The United Synod will await with particular interest the report of the Committee on the Common Book of Worship, not only because this is one field in which practical cooperation between English-speaking general bodies has been most fruitful, but also

because there is a felt need of a more complete Book of Worship in many of our congregations.

In conclusion, I desire to express grateful appreciation of the unfailing courtesy shown me by the brethren of the Synod. I am also deeply sensible of the high honor you have done me in making me your presiding officer. This trust is returned to you with best wishes and prayers for the increasing prosperity and usefulness of the United Synod as a part of the Church of the living God at work in the world today.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MOREHEAD.

On motion, Revs. W. H. Greever, S. C. Ballentine and A. D. R. Hancher were constituted a press committee.

The following officers were then elected to serve for the next biennium.

Officers of Synod.

Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., President.
Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., Vice President.
Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D., Secretary.
Mr. J. E. Cooper, Treasurer.

The rules of order were read, and the minutes of last convention were referred to Committee on Minutes.

The Treasurer read his report, which was referred to Committee on Treasurer's Report.

Report of Treasurer.

J. E. Cooper, Treasurer, in Account with the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

No balance in treasury (page 10, Minutes. 1910).

1910		DEBITS.	
Sept.		Cash received in offerings during Convention in Richmond	$ 66 89
1911.			
Feb.	16.	Cash from M. Coffman, Treas. of Virginia Synod (in full)	155 91
Mar	15.	Cash interest F. P. Cover Fund	300 00
Aug.	19.	Cash interest F. P. Cover fund	300 00
Oct.	9.	Cash from sale Bernheim Hall	1,088 05
	20.	Cash from J. M. Gnann, Treas. of Georgia Synod	100 00

Dec.	21.	Cash from C. M. Hawkins, Treas. of Mississippi Synod (in full)	24 42
1912.			
Feb.	19.	Interest on F. P. Cover fund	255 69
June	4.	Interest on F. P. Cover fund	75 00
July	8.	Cash from sale Mt. Pleasant property	4,780 53
Aug.	17.	Cash interest F. P. Cover fund	300 00
Sept.	5.	Cash J. M. Kinser, Treas. of Holston Synod (in full)	49 72
Sept.	9.	Cash Rev Geo. H. Rhodes, Secy of Southwest Virginia Synod	87 50
Oct.	2.	Cash J. M. Gnann, Treas. of Georgia Synod (in full)	20 00
	21.	Cash M. L. Mauney, Treas. of Tennessee Synod	100 00
	30.	Cash A. H. Kohn, Treas. of South Carolina Synod (in full)	424 56
Nov.	5.	Cash J. D. Heilig, Treas. of North Carolina Synod (in full)	225 58
		Total receipts	$8,353 85

Note:—Received since closing report:

Nov.	12.	Cash A. B. Greiner, Treas. Southwest Virginia Synod	2 03
		Cash A. B. Greiner, Treas. Southwest Virginia Synod	1 00

Note:—The $75.00 interest received on June 4, 1912, is an overpay by Mr. C. H. Duls, of $30.69.

1910. CREDITS.

Sept.	19.	Paid J. M. Rhodes, Treas. of Board of Home Missions	14 14
		Paid Jno. A. Cline, Treas of Board of Foreign Missions	14 13
		Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. of Orphan Home..	13 71
		Paid Rev. C. E. Weltner, Inner Missions	13 71
		Paid Rev. W. H. Greever, Publication Interests	5 60
		Paid C. M. Efird, Treas. Theological Seminary	5 60

(Note.—The above six items were the offerings at Richmond, Va.)

1911.

Feb.	17.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, interest on Seminary bond, June 11, 1910, to December 11, 1910 ....$	12 54
Feb.	17.	Paid Sexton's fee at Richmond	5 00
		Paid Express on Bonds from Secretary	2 50

		Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary United Synod	25 00
		Paid for printed statements for District Synods	1 25
	20.	Paid Messrs. Henkel & Co., on account	109 57
Mar.	15.	Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard, interest from F. P. Cover fund	30 00
		Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. of Orphan Home, semi-annual interest from F. P. Cover fund	270 00
Aug.	19.	Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard, interest from F. P. Cover fund	30 00
		Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. of Orphan Home semi-annual interest from F. P. Cover fund	270 00
Oct.	14.	Paid Rev. C. A. Freed, Chairman Building Committee, proceeds of sale of Bernheim hall	1,088 05
		Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, on principal of Seminary Bond	52 70
		Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, interest on Seminary Bond to Dec. 11, 1911	25 14
Dec.	21.	Paid Messrs. Henkel & Co., interest on note of $505 to Feb. 17, 1912	30 30
1912.			
Mar.	18.	Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard, part of semi-annual interest	25 57
		Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. of Orphan Home, part of semi-annual interest	230 12
July	8.	Paid Clarence L. Kibler, Treas. Building fund proceeds of sale of Mt. Pleasant property	4,780 53
Aug.	19.	Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas., interest in full on F. P. Cover fund, including balance due in last remittance	309 88
		Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard, interest in full, including balance due in last remittance	34 43
Sept.	9.	Paid Messrs. Henkel & Co., interest on note of $505 from Feb. 17th to Sept. 9th	17 08
		Paid Messrs. Henkel & Co., on note, principal	155 00
		Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, interest on bond to June 11, 1912	11 25
Oct.	19.	Paid Rev. M. M. Kinard, expenses as Delegate to meeting of General Council	30 00
Oct.	30.	Paid Messrs. Henkel & Co., balance on note (principal)	350 00
		Paid Messrs. Henkel & Co., interest from Sept. 9th to date	2 94

Nov.	1.	Paid Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses of Music Committee, (p. 23, Minutes, 1910)	9 80
		Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, expenses of Music Committee (p. 23, Minutes, 1910)	10 68
		Paid Rev. W. A. Snyder expenses of Music Committee (p 23, Minutes, 1910)	3 00
		Paid Rev. E. C. Cronk, expenses of Music Committee (p. 23, Minutes, 1910)	6 70
Nov.	5.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, on principal of Bond..	350 00
		Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, interest to Sept. 11, 1912, on bond	5 62
		Cash balance in Treasury	2 31
			$8,353 85

In accordance with the instructions in the Report of the Committee on Finance (pp. 81, 88, Minutes, 1910), statements of the amounts due this treasury by the several District Synods were prepared by the Secretary and the Treasurer and repeatedly forwarded.

These statements called for the payment of one half a cent per capita for the years 1905-1910, inclusive, and 2 cents per capita for the year 1911, less the amounts which had already been paid by the several Synods. No assessment was made for 1912, because the foregoing assessments, when fully paid, would settle all the debts of the United Synod and leave about $250 in the Treasury.

Six of the Synods have paid in full their assessments.

The following is a statement of the balances due this Treasury from the other Synods:

Southwest Virginia Synod	$ 88 02
Tennessee Synod	271 32

INDEBTEDNESS.

The indebtedness of the United Synod (Minutes, 1910, p. 11) was:

Open account due Messrs. Henkel & Co.	$ 506 81
Plus expressage	35
Total	$ 507 16
Bond due Library Fund Theological Seminary	502 70
Total indebtedness	$1,009 86

Not having funds in treasury to settle these debts, the open account of Messrs. Henkel & Co., which was contracted in 1906, and 1909, was closed by the officers of Synod, on February 17, 1911, by giving a note of $505, and a cash payment of $109.59. This settlement included simple interest after a credit of sixty days. The

note has now been paid in full. The bond due the Theological Seminary Library Fund has been reduced to $100, with interest from September 11, 1912. This balance is the full indebtedness of the United Synod to date, with the exception of $20 due the fraternal delegate to the meeting of the General Synod, and the $30.61 overpay, mentioned in foot note.

SPECIAL FUNDS.

The F. P. Cover Fund of $10,000 (p. 11, Minutes, 1910), is invested by the Real Estate Loan and Guarantee Co., of Charlotte, N. C., in mortgages upon real estate at six per cent interest. The interest of $1,200 has been regularly collected. In accordance with the provisions of the testator's will, $1,080 thereof was paid to the Treasurer of the Orphan Home, and $120 to Rev. J. A. Huffard, pastor of Ebenezer church, Browntown, Va. The bonds and mortgages of this fund will be submitted to the committee on this report.

The Mrs. Kate E. Drafts Fund of $5,000 (page 11, Minutes, 1910), with accrued interest, making a total of $5,202.78, was on Octozer 27, 1910, remitted to C. M. Efird, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, in accordance with action taken by United Synod (p. 50, Minutes, 1910). His receipt and all papers in connection with this transaction are submitted with this report.

The Mrs. S. C. Swigert $2,000 Beneficiary Education Fund (p. 12, Minutes, 1910). The papers connected with this fund are also submitted. The fund is still on deposit in the Bank of Forest, Miss., as reported by former Treasurer.

PROCEEDS OF SALE MT. PLEASANT PROPERTY.

The net proceeds of sale of the Mt. Pleasant property were immediately returned to Dr. Clarence L. Kibler, Treasurer of the Seminary Building Committee at Columbia, S. C. Receipt and correspondence are submitted.

PROCEEDS OF SALE BERNHEIM HALL.

The United Synod (in 1904) authorized the proceeds from the property to be invested in Charleston, in connection with the relocating of the Seminary there; but gave no specific directions thereafter for investment of the proceeds at Columbia. At the unanimous request of Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, this fund was turned over to the treasurer of the Seminary Building Committee, to be used in connection with the establishment of the Seminary at Columbia; but with the understanding that this disposition of the proceeds should be confirmed by the United Synod

at this convention. Receipt for the remittance and the correspondence connected therewith are submitted.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Convention were printed by our Board of Publication at a cost, including expense of distribution, of $385.

The Treasurer of the Publication Board, in submitting this bill reported that there was still due the United Synod Treasury $266.70 from the sale of the Sunday School charts; and asked that his sum be credited on the bill for the Minutes. He also reported that the Board of Publication had made no final settlement with the Common Service Committee on sales of Book of Worship, and asked that the sum of $118.30 (the balance necessary to pay the bill for printing Minutes) be credited until such settlement could be made. The receipted bill for last Minutes, therefore, accompanies this report.

SOURCES OF REVENUE.

1. Per capita assessment of one-half cent, as per Standing Resolution.

2. Profits on sales of Book of Worship (p. 85 Minutes of 1908) as these profits shall be hereafter determined.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. COOPER, Treasurer.

Rev. Prof. Holmes Dysinger, D.D., fraternal representative of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, and Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., the official visitor of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, were received, and invited to address this Synod at the opening of our afternoon session today.

The hours of daily sessions were fixed at from 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., and from 2:30 p. m., to 5 p. m.

The Synod accepted the invitation of the pastor and congregation of the Church of the Redeemer to attend a reception to be given on Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m.

The Synod expressed appreciation of an invitation to visit the federal prison on tomorrow.

The Lutheran Board of Publication reported. Report was referred to Committee on Report of Board of Publication.

Report of Board of Publication.

The past two years have witnessed encouraging progress in our Publication work. The Board has held frequent meetings, with full and regular attendance, and has given much time to the consideration of questions of managment and policy, as well as the larger questions pertaining to the development of property. The Board has been unanimous in its actions and has sought the welfare of the whole Church both for the present and for the future. The matters of chief interest in our transactions are the sale of the Main street property (for $80,000), the erection of the new building on Sumter street, and the placing of our periodicals, the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*, on the cash-in-advance basis. These points are presented with some degree of fulness in the report of our manager, which report with that of the Treasurer, was made a part of this report, by action of the Board, as follows:

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 30, 1912.

To the Lutheran Board of Publication:

In view of the approaching meeting of the United Synod, I submit the following review of our work for the past two years:

PROPERTY.

The sale of our Main street property on January 1, 1912, can not but be regarded as a fortunate thing for our work in all respects. In the first place the sale price ($80,000) brought us a net profit of over $40,000 on the cost of the same property. In the second place, that profit enabled us to clear our remaining property of all indebtedness and to have enough money to erect a suitable building for our permanent home on Sumter street, without incurring new debts. Contracts were let for the erection of the Sumter street building in March, 1912, a building 118 feet long, 39 feet wide and four stories high, with good sized basement, with steam heat and all other modern conveniences, for $23,000. With architect's fees and some extras added, the completed building, now almost ready to be turned over to us, will cost about $26,000. The resources of the Board are just about sufficient to meet the final payments, giving us our land, buildings and printing plant free from debt. The Board will occupy the entire first floor of the new building, connecting with the printing house, and will have, in addition to the large printing hall, a very commodious and beautiful book store, business offices, editorial offices, surplus stock rooms, directors' offices and rest rooms, an office for the General Literature Committee of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the United Synod, and an ample safety vault. The basement will be used chiefly

for the heating plant. The three upper stories have been erected and arranged so that they can be adapted to whatever use may be desired, having a pillar and beam construction, which permits the removal of all partitions. These three stories are now completed with apartments suitable for hospice or hotel use, and they have been leased for three years for $2,500 per year, for an apartment hotel. Thus these three stories practically become an endowment, the income from which ought to meet the unavoidable annual deficit on the publication of the *Visitor* and *Tidings*. Our new building, with its artistic classical front, is one of the handsomest buildings in Columbia, its location is almost ideal, and it is said to be the finest Lutheran Publication building in America.

BOOK AND GENERAL LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

We have continued to advertise and distribute good Lutheran books and tracts as well as Bibles and a select line of other religious books, and the business of the Board in this respect has shown a steady and healthy growth. The Sunday school supply business of the United Synod comes largely through our office, and we feel that the confidence of our people in the ability of this Board to serve them is growing. We have published two new books since the last meeting of the United Synod, *The Sacramental Feast*, by Dr. C. Armand Miller, and a book of sermons for the author, Rev. S. P. Koon, entitled *"What is Good for Man."* We have had published for us also a special edition of *"Missionary Heroes of the Lutheran Church,"* by Dr. Wolf. The second edition of the Hymnal for Sunday Schools is just about exhausted, and we have used several small editions of the Book of Worship during these two years. We are confident that our book business will grow rapidly when we get into our new store and have a larger operating capital.

PERIODICALS.

The most notable thing in connection with the business side of our regular periodicals was the adoption of the "cash-in-advance" rule which went into effect by order of the Board on January 1, 1912. One result of that rule is a great reduction in circulation, the circulation of the *Visitor* now being 3,250 and *Tidings* 4,800. We are sure, however, that the adoption of the rule was no mistake, and we feel that these papers are now on the best basis in their history. The outlook for an increase in the circulation of the *Visitor* is particularly bright, owing to the considerable number of congregations adopting the *every-home-circulation* plan. We believe that the Board should have a competent circulation man in the field con-

tinuously. The editorial work on *Tidings* has been done faithfully and efficiently by Mrs. E. C. Cronk. The editorial work on the *Visitor* has been unavoidably interrupted during the past year.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT.

Many problems and difficulties have attended the special opportunities which have characterized the work of the Board during the last two years. I wish to express to the Board my hearty appreciation of its cordial support, unfailing sympathy, and constant considerateness, without which I could never have met the crisis as they have arisen. The invariable unanimity with which you have authorized and supported policies has been a constant inspiration.

FINANCES.

By action of the Board a professional auditor has examined all of our accounts, and with the permission of the Board I desire herewith to present his full and carefully elaborated exhibits as my report as Treasurer. These exhibits are as follows up to March 31, 1912:

With the permission of the Board I desire to submit as information herewith a supplementary financial statement covering the period from March 31, 1912, to November 1, 1912.

W. H. Greever, Manager.

TREASURER'S REPORTS.

Reports, Statements and Exhibits Furnished by the Official Auditor, Submitted as Treasurer's Report and so Accepted by the Board.

July 12, 1912.

Dr. W. H. Greever, Manager Lutheran Board of Publication, Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir: In accordance with your instruction, I beg to advise that I have made an examination of the books and accounts of the Lutheran Board of Publication from August 31, 1910 to March 31, 1912, and hand you herewith report on my examination and append the following exhibits, viz:

Trial Balance, August 31, 1910.
Trial Balance, March 31, 1912.
Financial Statment.
Cash and Bank account
Receipt and Disbursement.
Profit and Loss Account.
Comparative Statement of Expenses and Operating Account.

List of Accounts Payable not shown on Ledger.

Bills Payable.

Bonds Receivable.

Trading Account (which includes operating as well as the merchandise accouunts).

You will note that while expense and trading accounts will show in some cases marked differences from the previous period, this is due to proper adjustment not having been made at that time.

Inventory. The figures used were furnished me and no further allowance for depreciation has been made.

Cash Account. I would call your attention to the apparent shortage of $44.54 between the bank account and the cash journal, but as this difference about equals the amount of petty cash kept on hand, viz, $50, it is my opinion that in some way these have become confused.

Suggestions. That all invoices on being received and O. K.'d by proper parties be entered on voucher book and at once given an audited bill number instead of waiting until they are to be paid; so as to show the proper liability for the goods which have been taken into stock. That all cross and closing entries be passed through the cash journal, instead of showing only on the ledger.

That all cash as received be deposited daily in the bank and the imprest system of petty cash, which they are now using, be strictly adhered to.

I desire to take this opportunity to congratulate the management on the success of the business which now seems assured, having been accomplished against great odds, and to thank Mr. Counts and Dr. Greever for their courtesy and the willingness in cheerfully rendering me every assistance.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. G. Prioleau, Auditor.

LUTHERAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, AUG. 31, 1911.

Trial Balance.

Cash	$ 401 72
Building repairs	4 10
Bills receivable	285 00
Customers' accounts	3,618 56
Commissions	9 35
Editorial library	125 97
Expenses Board meeting	8 00
Furniture and fixtures	776 52
Freight and express	71 72

Insurance	339 70
Interest and Discount	1,175 22
Lutheran Church Visitor	689 91
Machinery equipment	10,875 68
Office Expenses	357 23
Profit and Loss	2,954 40
P. C. Price, Treas.	113 71
Petty Cash	25 00
Postage	290 35
Real Estate	41,336 46
Salaries	2,000 00
Supplies for bindery	7 15
Supplies for printing	2,821 76
Sunday School Hymnal	145 26
Supplies for composing room	98 46
Tidings	361 30
Traveling expenses	56 00
Taxes	116 33
Writerpress	98 03
Whitaker Paper Company	5 47
Water rents	38 60
Advertising	$ 367 78
American Bible Society	36 99
Bills payable	8,073 00
Bindery department	231 77
Composing Room	476 55
General Council Pub. House	369 11
Hymnal	76 40
Japan for Christ	32 02
Discounted bills	285 00
Lutheran Pub. Society	260 86
Merchandise	62 39
Morning Service	12 11
Mortgages payable	47,000 00
Property fund	8,584 43
Printing department	1,440 54
Rents	1,894 32
"Scripture Lessons"	3 63
	$69,206 90

Trial Balance—General Ledger, March 31, 1912.

Building repairs	$ 8 35
Bills receivable	120 00

Bonds receivable	24,500 00
Customers' accounts	4,122 22
Commission	16 83
Editorial library	125 97
Expenses for Board meeting	17 80
Furniture and Fixtures	776 52
Freight and Expenses (mdse.)	194 55
Insurance	508 10
Interest and discount	3,151 59
Lutheran Church Visitor	312 58
Machinery equipment	11,124 09
Office expense	934 77
Profit and Loss	2,954 40
P. C. Price, Treas.	113 71
Petty cash	50 00
Postage	675 77
Salaries	4,887 50
Supplies for bindery	46 22
Supplies for printing dept.	5,201 11
Supplies for composing room	174 81
Tidings	484 50
Traveling expense	68 50
Taxes	413 61
Writerpress	67 13
Water rents (April bill $43.20)	83 35
Cash book	1,679 97
	$62,813 94

Advertising	$ 815 52
American Bible Society	120 02
Bills payable	3,149 00
Bindery	785 02
Composing room	1,456 14
Discounted notes	120 00
General Council Pub. House	368 11
Hymnal	6 71
"Japan for Christ"	33 22
Merchandise	468 89
Morning Service	19 54
Property fund	8,681 82
Printing department	4,125 15
Rents	3,750 97
Real estate	38,663 54

"Scripture Lessons"	9 33
Sunday School Hymnal	239 96
	$62,813 94

Financial Statement, March 31, 1912.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand	$ 50 00	
Cash in Bank	1,679 96	$ 1,729 96
Real estate, invested		16,000 00
Machinery and Equipments:		
Machinery	$11,124 09	
Writerpress	67 13	11,191 22
Accounts and Notes Receivable:		
Accounts		4,122 22
Bonds Receivable		24,500 00
Interest accrued (Bonds)		428 75
Inventories:		
Merchandise	$ 3,380 79	
Editorial library	125 97	
Furniture and fixtures	774 77	
Sunday School Hymnal	369 00	
Supplies	2,169 00	6,819 53
Deferred Charges to Profit and Loss:		
Prepaid insurance		46 59
Profit and Loss		4,736 66
		$69,574 93

LIABILITIES.

Accounts and Notes Payable:		
Accounts	$ 488 13	
Notes	3,149 00	$ 3,637 13
Items accrued but not paid:		
Wages	$ 51 45	
Water	43 20	
Light and power	39 44	
Telephone	20 75	
Taxes	60 00	214 84
Due on open accounts not on books:		
Accounts payable		2,377 60
Capital Stock:		
Property fund, donation		8,681 82
Property fund, real estate		54,663 54
		$69,574 93

BANK AND CASH ACCOUNT.

Daily cash statement		$ 1,685 83
Cash book		1,679 96
		$ 5 87
Error not posted		6 70
Difference		83
March 31, 1912. Bal Pal. Nat'l Bank		$ 1,928 71
Outstanding Vouchers:		
No. 915	$ 29 55	
No. 916	7 15	
No. 918	80 00	
No. 919	50 00	
No. 920	50 00	
No. 921	37 50	
No. 922	20 00	
No. 923	6 25	
No. 924	6 97	287 42
		$ 1,641 29
Cash Book		$ 1,685 83
Bank Balance		1,641 29
Shortage		$ 44 54
Missing Vouchers:		
No. 76		$ 150 00
No. 81		6 25
Bonds Receivable:		
Carolina Casualty and Insurance Co.		$12,000 00
Carolina Casualty and Insurance Co.		15,000 00
		$27,000 00
Less Payment		2,500 00
Balance on hand		$24,500 00

CASH ACCOUNT.

August 31, 1910, *to March* 31, 1912.

Receipts.

Cash on hand August 31, 1910	$ 401 72
Customers	17,360 00
Japan for Christ	3 50
Tidings	482 13
Advertising	1,233 36
Visitor	9,448 52
Furniture and Fixtures	28 75

Consignment	1 14
Merchandise	3,904 41
Scripture Lessons	78 64
Hymnals	259 69
Sunday School Hymnal	510 80
Morning Service	17 59
Bills payable	9,950 00
Property fund	4,611 71
Composing room	4 25
Mortgages payable	47,000 00
Bills receivable	285 00
Printing	17 10
Binding	75
Writerpress	18 70
Postage	29 79
Office expense	18 65
Interest	11 21
Rent	5,744 43
Discounted notes	270 00
American Bible Society	48 95
Real estate	3,000 00
Bonds	2,500 00
Sundries	57 81
	$107,298 60

Disbursements.

Merchandise	$ 7,650 28
Furniture and fixtures	30 50
Hymnals	634 26
Expenses Board meeting	27 20
Visitor	1,037 38
Salaries	7,202 50
Interest	4,798 93
Postage	992 28
Office expenses	1,071 42
Composing room	5,115 42
Printing department	6,874 82
Bindery	2,053 77
Freight and express	306 89
Tidings	391 79
Bills payable	13,047 00
Mortgages payable	40,771 21
Machinery	590 64

Insurance	692 35
Water	129 09
Taxes	817 53
Scripture Lessons	70 00
Property fund	1,704 02
Supplies for bindery	43 82
Supplies for composing room	153 95
Supplies for printing department	4,739 88
Traveling expenses	91 00
United Synod	78 15
Sunday School Hymnal	2,249 68
Accounts payable	1,202 69
Campaign expenses	285 52
Repairs	9 85
Improvements real estate	565 25
Writerpress	18 60
Commissions for rent	22 44
Sundries	98 53
Cash	1,729 96
	$107,298 60

PROFIT AND LOSS.

March 31, 1912.

Balance, March 31, 1911	$ 2,954 40
Reserve for expenses	214 84
Visitor	3,504 53
Tidings	484 50
Salaries	1,256 67
Insurance	461 51
Building repairs	8 35
Commissions	16 83
Expenses Board meetings	17 80
Furniture and fixtures	1 75
Interest and discount	3,151 59
P. C. Price, Treas.	113 71
Traveling expenses	68 50
Taxes	413 61
Water rent	83 35
Office expenses	934 77
	$13,686 71
Advertising	$ 815 52
Interest accrued	428 75
Sunday School Hymnal	608 96

Merchandise	1,347 33
Printing	1,093 04
Composing room	81 33
Bindery	738 80
Postage (adjustment)	85 35
Rents	3,750 97
Balance	4,736 66
	$13,686 71

PROFIT AND LOSS.

From August 31, 1910, *to March* 31, 1912.

Balance	$ 2,494 73
Building repairs	9 85
Commissions	22 44
Expense Board meetings	27 20
Furniture and fixtures	1 75
Freight and express	110 20
Insurance	712 76
Interest and discount	4 806 68
Visitor	4,117 56
Office expenses	1,634 60
P. C. Price, Treas.	113 71
Postage (1911)	276 86
Salaries	$3,776 67
Supplies bindery	3 23
Supplies printing	262 20
Supplies Composing room	14 89
Tidings (1912)	484 50
Traveling expenses	101 00
Taxes	817 53
Water rents	129 09
Reserve expenses, 1912	214 84
Campaign expenses, 1911	456 65
Job work, 1911	61 01
	$20,649 95
Advertising	$ 1,435 85
Bindery	909 52
Composing room	279 76
Merchandise	3,350 80
Morning Service (1911)	77 77
Printing	1,424 40
Postage (1912) adjustment	85 35

Rent	5,576 68
Sunday School Hymnal	641 70
Hymnals (1911)	1,082 75
Tidings (1911)	619 96
Interest accrued	428 75
Balance (net loss)	4,736 66
	$20,649 95

CONDENSED PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT.

March 31, 1912.

Profit and loss, 1911		$ 2,494 73
Operating expense—		
Sundry items	$2,176 35	
Salaries	3,776 67	
Office	1,634 60	
Supplies	280 32	
Taxes	817 53	
Incidental expenses		8,685 47
Interest	4,806 68	4,806 68
Losses		
Job work, 1911	61 01	
Tidings	484 50	
Visitor	4,117 56	4,663 07
		$20,649 95
Advertising		$ 1,435 85
Bindery		909 52
Composing room		279 76
Morning Service		77 77
Sunday School Hymnals		641 70
Hymnals, 1911		1,082 75
Tidings, 1911		619 96
Merchandise		3,350 80
Printing		1,424 40
		$ 9,822 51
Incidental incomes:		
Postage (adjustment)	85 35	
Rent	5,576 68	
Interest accrued	428 75	6,090 78
Net loss		4,736 66
		$20,649 95

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Office	Bindery		Composing Room		Printing	
1910.	Expense	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income
Sept.	$113 27	$142 29	$114 13	$335 55	$333 55	$ 429 04	$507 00
Oct.	105 80	87 17	115 35	413 47	238 15	1,280 44	412 25
Nov.	31 84	82 96	124 60	199 18	282 35	423 33	397 90
Dec.	73 06	129 45	132 95	347 90	367 80	353 92	482 90
1911.							
Jan.	75 99	93 65	107 00	270 52	238 35	299 43	408 90
Feb.	85 57	100 66	138 80	228 03	483 93	239 09	808 39
March	92 53	112 07	168 95	279 30	371 75	271 26	614 65
April	117 63	98 35	137 02	222 48	263 30	227 05	429 40
May	59 75	99 54	178 59	230 49	324 30	214 77	618 10
June	80 50	101 79	129 80	228 97	280 90	199 98	438 20
July	44 40	121 56	166 55	249 63	477 75	246 40	618 67
Aug.	62 45	81 05	122 10	202 88	264 75	195 63	420 00
Sept.	74 23	121 55	173 15	215 74	344 75	275 95	603 20
Oct.	42 25	102 95	154 30	252 13	267 18	257 31	421 19
Nov.	50 65	102 86	233 95	227 61	491 65	219 19	788 60
Dec.	169 06	127 01	150 25	298 06	270 75	259 63	458 15
1912.							
Jan.	90 32	104 13	228 05	273 16	466 45	252 57	832 05
Feb.	44 70	110 61	200 20	271 35	525 80	268 43	691 50
March	109 83	135 76	218 22	343 09	494 45	429 70	852 70

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE—*March* 31, 1912.

(Which do not appear on Ledger.)

Andrews Wilson Paper Company	$	4 50
American Type Founders Company		42 63
J. M. Beaver		52
B. F. Bond Paper Company		10 36
R. L. Bryan Company		3 60
Chatfield Woods Company		49 80
Christian Finance Association		2 04
Wm. H. Deitz		1 54
W. J. Duffie & Company		3 00
Duplex Envelope & Printing Company		2 58
General Council Publishing House		698 28
Dr. G. H. Gerberding		1 43
A. J. Holman Company		8 41
Judefine Bros.		12 54
Chas. E. Johnson Company		18 72
J. C. Kauffman		4 13
Knickerbocker Watch Company		11 35
Lutheran Publication Society		1,328 92
I. N. Megargee & Company		30 54
G. W. McClanahan		24 12
Laymen's Missionary Movement		13 95
Meig Publishing Company		58
Edward Pfeiffer		70
Pilger Publishing House		1 01
Southern Oil & Ink Company		5 00
J. H. Schroeter & Bro.		7 90
Wartburg Publishing House		6 63
Whitaker Paper Company		59 72
B. W. Wilson Paper Company		23 10
	$	2,377 60

NOTE.—While these amounts do not appear on books the figures are included in my statements.

BILLS PAYABLE—*March* 31, 1912.

J. H. Schroeter & Bro.	$	27 00
J. H. Schroeter & Bro.		27 00
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Brown Folding Machine Co.	30 00
Brown Folding Machine Co.	30 00
Brown Folding Machine Co.	30 00
Brown Folding Machine Co.	30 00
Brown Folding Machine Co.	30 00
Brown Folding Machine Co.	30 00
Brown Folding Machine Co.	30 00
The Whitlock Printing Press Mfg. Co.	75 00
The Whitlock Printing Press Mfg. Co.	75 00
The Whitlock Printing Press Mfg. Co.	75 00
The Whitlock Printing Press Mfg. Co.	75 00
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The Whitlock Printing Press Mfg. Co.	75 00
The Whitlock Printing Press Mfg. Co.	75 00
American Type Founders Co.	1,000 00
	$ 3,149 00

TRADING ACCOUNT.

Merchandise and Printing.

Tidings.

Expenses	$1,707 20	Balance P. L. 3-31-12	$ 484 50
P. L. 3-31-11	619 96	Sales	$1,842 66
	$2,327 16		$2,327 16

Lutheran Church Visitor

Expenses	$11,477 98	Sales	$10,552 37
Salaries	2,430 83	P. L. 3-31-11	613 03
Postage	761 12	Balance P. L. 3-31-12	3,504 53
	$14,669 93		$14,669 93

Hymnals.

Inventory 8-31-10 (Est.)	$ 426 22	Sales	$2,194 98
Purchases, etc.	1,105 52	Inventory 3-31-11	380 10
P. L. 3-31-11	1,082 75	Inventory 3-31-12	622 54
Balance 3-31-12 (P. L. Est.)	583 13		$3,197 62
(Estimated only)	$3,197 62		

Sunday School Hymnal.

Purchases	$2,328 81	Sales	$2,601 51
P. L. 3-31-11	32 74	Inventory	369 00
Bal. 3-31-12 P. L.	608 96		$2,970 51
	$2,970 51		

MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT.

From August 31, 1910 *to March* 31, 1911.

Inventory 8-1-10	$ 918 90	Sales 3-31-11	$6,264 86
Purchases	4,180 34	Inventory 3-31-11	837 85
P. L. 3-31-11	2,003 47		$7,102 71
	$7,102 71		

MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT.

From March 31, 1911, *to March* 31, 1912.

Inventory 3-31-11	$ 837 85	Sales	$6,497 98
Purchases	7,567 84	Morning Service	19 54
Freight	194 55	Scripture Lessons	9 33
P. L. 3-31-12	1,347 33	Japan for Christ	33 22
		Hymnals	6 71
	$9,947 57	Inventory—	
		Hymnal $ 622 54	
		Mdse. 2,758 25	3,380 79
			$9,947 57

MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT.

From August 31, 1911, *to March* 31, 1912.

Inventory 8-1-10	$ 918 90	Sales	$12,662 64
Purchases	11,748 18	Morning Services	19 54
Freight	304 75	Scripture Lessons	9 33
P. L. 3-31-11	2,003 47	Japan for Christ	33 22
Balance 3-31-12 P. L.	1,347 33	Inventory 3-31-11	837 85
		Inventory 3-31-12	2,758 25
	$16,322 63		$16,322 63

PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

Expenses	$ 6,612 13	Income	$10,968 64
Supplies	3,032 11		
P. L. 3-31-11	331 36		$10,968 64
Balance 3-31-12 P. L.	993 04		
	$10,968 64		

COMPOSING ROOM.

Expenses	$5,237 57	Income	$6,892 14
Supplies	174 81		
P. L. 3-31-11	198 43		$6,892 14
Bal. 3-31-12 P. L.	1,281 33		
	$6,892 14		

BINDERY.

Expenses	$2,117 60	Income	$3,073 34
Supplies	46 22		
P. L. 3-31-11	170 72		$3,073 34
Bal. 3-31-12 P. L.	738 80		
	$3,073 34		

The foregoing I submit as my official report.

W. H. GREEVER.

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From March 31, 1912, *to November* 1, 1912.

Disbursements.

Merchandise	$ 2,791 18
Lutheran Church Visitor	1,033 66
Salaries	1,786 34
Postage	232 73
Office expenses	285 18
Composing room	1,905 67
Printing department	4,067 68
Bindery department	779 07
Freight and express	52 79
Tidings	137 25
Bills payable	1,424 00
Interest	124 90
Traveling expenses	11 50
Sunday School Hymnal	2 64
Supplies for printing department	12 85
Water rents	96 25
Customers' accounts	471 68
Campaign expenses	300 25
Hymnals	15 81
Advertising	16 00
Sumter street building	18,005 00
Taxes	18 45
Insurance	97 00
Auditor's fee	52 50
Bills receivable	4,241 12
Cash	
Total	$38,151 16

Receipts.

Cash on hand	$ 1,679 96
Customers' accounts	7,231 02
Tidings	139 70
Lutheran Church Visitor	2,278 42
Merchandise	913 00
Hymnals	70 67
Sunday School Hymnal	231 35
Bonds receivable	9,500 00
Printing department	27 30
Scripture Lessons	1 85
Property fund	350 00
Bills receivable	15 00
Interest	888 96
Bills payable	14,500 00
Advertising	323 93
Total	$38,151 16

W. H. Greever.

RECAPITULATION.

It is proper yet to report that our new building on Sumter street is almost ready for occupancy, and was so nearly completed that on Sunday, November 10th, it was consecrated to the service for which it is intended, with appropriate and impressive services. This building is 38 feet wide, 118 feet long, and four stories high. The first floor has been arranged so as to accommodate a good sized book store, business and editorial offices, directors' room and storage stock rooms. The second, third and fourth stories have been arranged for use as offices, or as an institution, say a hospice for young men or for young women, and the construction is such as to allow the removal of all partitions and the complete rearrangement of floors as desired. These three floors have been leased until needed for other purposes at a rental of $2,500 per year. The building has electric lights and gas throughout, with complete lavatory accommodations, and is heated by steam. The building is pronounced one of the handsomest and best in the city of Columbia. The Board has received hundreds of congratulations upon the completion of this building, and especially upon the fact that it is free from debt.

The Board has unofficial information that encouraging progress is being made toward securing a Common Sunday school literature. In this we rejoice, and your Board stands ready to cooperate in every way possible.

In accordance with the expressed wish of the United Synod that financial statements be furnished in the fullest and most satisfactory form possible we secured the services of a professional auditor, through the auditing committee of the Board, and we have accepted his reports, which were examined and approved by our auditing committee, as the report of our Treasurer.

The marked increase in the circulation and use of Church literature leads us to urge upon the United Synod the importance of the largest possible degree of cooperation by all forces for the promotion of this institution of education, inspiration and edification.

W. P. CLINE, President.

Under this report the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Common Service and the Committee on the Report of the Board of Publication, with the manager of the Board, confer and fix the royalty on the Book of Worship and report the same to the Synod.

At this stage of our proceedings, Governor Joseph M. Brown, of the State of Georgia, was introduced to the Synod. The Synod received the governor standing. He then addressed the Synod, and was responded to by the President of Synod.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension submitted the following report, which was referred to Committee on said report:

Report of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod in the South, appointed at the last convention of the United Synod, Richmond, Va., September 6, 1910, consists of the following: Revs. R. L. Patterson, D.D., V. Y. Boozer, C. L. Miller and Messrs. B. B. Miller and C. E. Boger. To it was entrusted the work of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod during the past biennium The following report is a record of the work done during that period, and is submitted for your consideration. The Board has endeavored to discharge the trust committed to it, conditioned by the time and ability at the disposal of its members, and limited by the means provided by the churches.

On September 29, 1910, the Board held its first meeting in the office of Judge B. B. Miller, Salisbury, N. C., and effected the following organization:

President, Rev. R. L. Patterson, D.D., Charlotte, N. C.

Secretary, Rev. C. L. Miller, Hickory, N. C.

Treasurer, Mr. T. Edgar Johnston, Spencer, N. C.

The office of Judge B. B. Miller in Salisbury, N. C., being centrally located and kindly tendered free of cost to the Board for its use, was chosen as the place of meeting.

For systematic handling of the work of the Board, all official correspondence was directed to be sent to the President of the Board. He was also empowered to sign all vouchers for missionaries' salaries and to draw and sign all other orders which the Treasurer is authorized to pay.

The Board, from first to last, has held eleven meetings. These meetings were held on call of the President. When matters of sufficient importance needed consideration and attention, the President assembled the Board for action.

Your Board has done its best to carry forward the work inherited from its predecessors in a manner fair to the missions concerned and the United Synod supporting them. We have tried to encourage each mission to do its best toward self-maintenance, without inflicting burdens too grievous to be borne on the mission.

OLD WORK CONTINUED.

Morristown-Greeneville, Tenn. This field has been vacant all through our administration until May 1, of this year. This has not been on account of indifference on the part of your Board, nor of the field either, but because a man could not be found willing to engage in the work, prior to the time when the present pastor, the Rev. J. G. Graichen, accepted the call to the work. In Morristown there are 37 enrolled members, in Greeneville, 21. Your Board pays on salary $300 per year and the two congregations $350. The Holston Synod is also interested in this work, and contributes $250 to its maintenance. Since the coming of a pastor, encouraging additions have been made to the membership, and a Woman's Missionary Society organized. A desirable lot has been purchased with the help of the Holston Synod. The great need of this mission is a new church at the earliest possible date.

Bristol, Tenn.-Va. This mission came under the care of your Board with Rev. John W. Link serving as pastor. It prospered under his ministry, growing in numbers, and increasing in the grace of giving. Pastor Link resigned December 1, 1911, and the mission has been vacant since that time. The pastorate consists of the mission congregation and Buehler's church in the country, and has a total membership of 176, and a Sunday school enrollment of 182. The support of the pastor is provided by the following arrange-

ment: United Synod Board $200, the pastorate $450, Southwestern Virginia Synod and Woman's Missionary Society $160. The field is a promising one, and should not longer remain vacant.

Bluefield-Graham. This mission has had a change of pastors and a four months' vacancy during the biennium. Rev. C. R. W. Kegley was pastor until November 1, 1911. March 1, 1912, Rev. K. Y. Umberger became pastor. In Bluefield there are 50 resident members and at Graham 42. The mission contributes to pastor's support $736; the Board gives $264. The development of this work requires patience and perseverance, but the field is an important one. The present outlook is encouraging.

Spartanburg, S. C. This mission has an enrolled membership of 50. The church building has been paid for. The missionary, Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D., is self-sacrificing and faithful to his charge. Our Board has increased its appropriation to this mission from $120 to $180 per year. The South Carolina Synod largely supports the work, paying $575 per year on the salary. The mission pays only parsonage rent, or $240 per year. The mission promises future growth. There is a Sunday school of 50 members and a Luther League of 25.

Olympia Mills. Pastor Weltner still remains faithful and successful in this field. There is a Sunday school of 190 and an average attendance of 150. The congregation has a membership of 90 and an average attendance of 70. The Board has continued its appropriation of $200 per year to salary, having been informed that this support was essential to the continuation of the work.

Greensboro, N. C. The work in this city has made excellent progress during the biennium. They have erected a beautiful church costing $12,000, and rmodeled their parsonage in such manner as to give them a most excellent church property all without any assistance from the Board. They are now paying one-half of their pastor's salary, or $600 per year, the Board paying an equal amount. They have an enrolled membership of 70 and a Sunday school of 75 scholars. The congregation has an excellent choir, and the future of the congregation looks indeed bright. Your Board has cancelled all its obligations to the Greensboro Mission, paying the balance, $1,525, due on the purchase price of the lot, at the beginning of the biennium. At the request of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the North Carolina Synod and also the congregation's officers, your Board executed a mortgage on the property to the officers of the congregation to enable them to borrow money against their own collateral, to complete the church building. The Woman's Missionary Society of the North Carolina Synod

adopted Greensboro as its Home Mission point, and has contributed liberally toward the erection of the church. Greensboro has been one of the most successful examples of Home Mission work in the United Synod.

Lenoir, N. C. This field has had a change of pastors during the biennium, although it did not suffer from any vacancy, Pastor Deal taking up the work as Pastor Yount laid it down. We have here a good lot and a pretty brick church, with Sunday school basement, on the best street in the town. The congregation enrolls 31 members and should have a sure, steady growth. Two other congregations are joined in the pastorate, and, altogether the work should come to self-support within the next biennium. The mission church owes $300 only on its property, and the charge pays $265 on pastor's salary. The Board pays $400 per year.

Brunswick, Ga. On November 26, 1911, the Board paid $1,000 on the appropriation to the church building of this mission, thus discharging the obligation of $3,000 in full.

NEW WORK UNDERTAKEN.

Greenville, S. C. This mission was brought to the attention of the Board in November, 1910. It was then under the care of the Executive Committee of South Carolina Synod, being served by Pastor T. B. Epting, from Walhalla. An organization had been effected and 42 members enrolled. At first an effort was made to form a charge of Greenville and Walhalla, but this was found unsatisfactory to both congregations. The Board decided to place a man at Greenville as soon as possible. In March, 1912, after conference between the Board, the congregation and the Executive Committee of South Carolina Synod, an option was taken on a lot containing an eight room house at price of $10,000. The lot is admirably located and is large enough for church and parsonage. This property was finally purchased, your Board obligating itself to pay one-half of the purchase price, and the congregation and the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Synod obligating themselves to pay the remaining half, and erect a suitable church building. Considerable time and effort were consumed in obtaining a pastor for the work and it was not until March 1st of this year that a pastor was located in the person of Rev. C. L. Miller. He has worked upon the ground for a little more than six months, and has found a very fruitful field.

The Board has now paid $3,500 of its obligation, the congregation $1,250, and the South Carolina Synod $250, leaving a balance of

$5,000 as indebtedness. The enrolled membership is 60, the Sunday school numbers 64. The outlook is very promising for rapid development, and the prospect is for a duplication of the success achieved at Greensboro, N. C. Greenville is an industrial and railway centre of untold possibilities, and in growing towns around it is a Home Mission field full of promise. Hence the importance of quickly putting the mission there upon solid footing.

Birmingham, Ala. To Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., and the congregation of the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, the credit is due for the inauguration of this promising work. In February and March, 1911, Pastor Schaeffer and officers of his church made a canvass and began preaching services. The congregation was organized with 45 charter members, and the "every member" canvass for contributions showed liberal pledges for both church support and benevolence. The congregation through its officers made application to the Board for aid in securing a pastor, offering to contribute one-half of the pastor's salary and meet all other expenses for the present. The Board took the mission and united with the congregation in a call to Rev. E. H. Copenhaver, of Chicago. Pastor Copenhaver took charge October 2, 1911, and the work has gone steadily forward from that date. It now has an enrolled membership of 58 and a Sunday school of 34. Services are held in a second floor hall. The great need of this mission is a lot wisely chosen and a church building erected thereon, which will attract and hold the Lutherans of the city, and give our Church recognition among the religious forces of this "Pittsburgh of the South," worthy of the faith and history of the Mother of Protestantism. The Mission and is pastor have already begun to be a Home Mission force, in that they have voluntarily taken steps toward gathering a congregation in Ensley, a suburb of Birmingham, where services have been held once a Sunday with an average attendance of 18. Shall we organize and push Ensley also?

Just at this moment Birmingham emphasizes the need of an adequate Church Extension Fund. Unless property is acquired, which will give evidence of the permanency of the work at an early date, the work is bound to suffer.

The Board contributes $600 per year to the pastor's salary.

Lakeland-St. Petersburg, Fla. This mission was brought to our attention by the President of the Georgia Synod early in 1911. The work at that time was comprised only of Lakeland, and the congregation was paying $350 on salary and the Georgia Synod $400 additional. This amount the Georgia Synod still contributes, and the pastorate, now composed of Lakeland and St. Petersburg, pays

$600 per year. To the work at Lakeland your Board contributed $1,000 toward the church building. The congregation has a good brick structure, although there is a debt of $1,800 on the property. There is a membership of 35 at Lakeland. The town is said to be growing and the outlook is bright.

The congregation at St. Petersburg has erected a neat frame church at its own expense. Your Board has contributed nothing to St. Petersburg, except the expense of the missionary, Rev. H. J. Mathias, in serving that work from Lakeland. The membership is 29, and the indebtedness on their property is $3,800. There evidently is a good future for this work.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

The Virginia Synod made official application at the last meeting of the Board, October 9, 1912, for aid in the support of its mission at Portsmouth, Va. The amount asked is $700 per year. The Board was inclined to grant the request, but in view of the near approach of United Synod and the end of this Board's tenure of office it was thought best to defer action with favorable commendation to the new Board.

At the same meeting the Board was unofficially requested to consider the granting of aid to Raleigh, N. C., in the purchase of a lot for a church in that city. Unofficial request was made for aid in the support of a pastor in the St. Barnabas-Summerville-Mt. Pleasant pastorate, Charleston, S. C. And the claims of Chattanooga, Tenn., were presented with a suggestion of aid in the making of canvass looking to organization. Action was deferred, and counsel is asked from this convention.

ANALYSIS AND COMPARISONS OF RECEIPTS.

Synods:	1908-1910			1910-1912		
	Home Missions	Church Extensions	Women's Societies	Home Missions	Church Extensions	Women's Societies
N. Carolina	$1,053 31	$.....	$ 500 00	$1,344 00	$ 671 98	$ 612 40
Tennessee	636 33	.....	.....	579 07	289 00	.....
S. Carolina	689 88	241 20	350 00	1,059 22	253 57	500 00
Virginia	1,809 25	.....	.....	1,922 98	1,296 62	.....
S. W. Virginia	874 24	.....	200 00	583 90	84 72	626 44
Georgia	1,654 46	140 56	.....	1,451 48	143 88	.....
Holston	360 24	56 00	.....	478 41	33 44	.....
Mississippi	88 49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	$7,316 20	$437 76	$1.050 00	$7,420 06	$2,773 21	$1,738 84

Note: In the 1908-10 table the sum of $749.82 from the Mission League is not included. In the 1910-12 table Mission League offerings are included in the Synodical amounts. In this table there is also a division between Home Missions and Church Extension of some amounts that were sent to our Treasurer simply marked "Home Missions."

SPECIAL RECEIPTS 1910-1912.

From individuals	$	66 00
From Joint Conference (S. C.)		9 49
From Equity in Fitzgerald, Ga., property		250 00
From Beutell bequest		752 59
From J. J. Lown bequest		200 00
From interest on J. B. Hyler bequest		140 00
From payment on loan to W. H. and F. M.. Society, S. C. Synod		200 00
Total	$	1,619 08

BEUTELL BEQUEST.

On October 18, 1911, your Board received from Mr. James A. Cline, Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, a check for $753.79, being the portion allotted to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension from the estate of the late J. M. Beutell, of Winchester, Va. The Board executed an agreement with Mr. J. E. Cooper, executor, to indemnify him in case suit for recovery of this money should be brought by heirs of said Beutell. The Board asks for instructions from United Synod concerning the use of this fund.

EXPENSES OF THE WORK.

The expenses of the Board incident to holding eleven meetings and the administration and presentation of the cause amount to $352.57. Of this amount $213.86 were expended for postage, express, telephone, telegraph, traveling and hotel accommodations; and the remainder—$138.71—was expended for envelopes, literature, programs and stationery. About one-fifth of the entire expense was incurred by the President and Secretary of the Board in presenting the cause before synodical conventions. All synods were visited except the Virginia and Mississippi Synods."

LUTHER DAY SERVICES.

With the kind cooperation of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod North, your Board was enabled to issue two services for the Reformation Festival for the use of our Sunday schools. For 1911 an edition of 7,000 copies was printed and for 1912 an edition of 5,000. These services have been helpful. The Board acknowledges it obligation to the General Synod's Board for the favor of these services at cost.

LUTHERAN COMITY IN HOME MISSIONS.

Since the last meeting of your Board, there has come to the hands of the President of the Board a letter from Rev. Dr. J. C. Kunzmann, General Superintendent of English Home Missions of the General Council, requesting that this body join in holding a meeting of "all representatives of all the Home Mission Boards of our Lutheran Church in this country to awaken a greater interest in this cause, for the purpose of coming to an understanding and amicable arrangement by which all interference with each other's right, work and territory may be avoided, all waste of men and money obviated and a united effort made to cultivate the entire field without raising altar against altar." Your President has answered this letter in favorable tone, but the Board asks for definite instructions from this convention.

EMPLOYMENT OF FIELD SECRETARY.

Your Board notes the request of the former Board for authority to employ a Field Secretary of Home Missions for the United Synod and the granting of the same by the last convention of this body. Your Board did not regard this action as mandatory, and, after careful consideration, in view of the number of special efforts being made during the biennium, it was decided to postpone action until after this convention. Your Board now believes that the time has come for a great forward movement in Home Missions in the United Synod and asks for the reaffirmation of the action of the last convention as to the calling of a Field Secretary.

AN ADEQUATE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Next in importance to the employment of a Field Secretary, and as the largest contribution to the success of his work, your Board asks for the raising of an adequate Church Extension Loan Fund. Two of our most promising missions must languish now for the lack of a few thousand dollars to put into church property. We should

aim at nothing less than $50,000 to be used as a perpetual loan fund. The present "Augusta Plan" should be continued as one method of Church Extension aid, but there should be a fund which comes back into the treasury to go out again on its mission of love. Your Board asks for the raising of such a fund, and requests the aid of the Executive Committee and Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in the undertaking.

CO-ORDINATION AND UNIFICATION OF HOME MISSION WORK.

In accordance with resolution on page 61 minutes of United Synod, convention of 1910, and in response to an overture from the Georgia Synod your Board formulated a plan for the unification of the Home Mission work of the United Synod and its various District Synods. The same was communicated to the Presidents of District Synods for criticism. Your Board after weighing the different answers received would submit the following outline for your consideration:

First. That all the District Synods place their Home Mission work under the care of the United Synod Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Second. That said Board be so constituted and so related to the Executive Committee of the District Synods as to preserve a most intimate knowledge of the work now being done by the District Synods and insure that work against loss or injury.

Third. That the Apportionment Columns for United Synod Home Missions and Church Extension and Synodical Home Missions be consolidated, and the apportionment be made equal to the sum of both by the District Synods.

Fourth. The nomination of pastors for mission congregations shall be made by the Executive Committee of the District Synod in which the mission is located and the election by the congregation shall receive the indorsement of the Board of Home Missions.

FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS.

Your Board believes that all applications for aid by this Board should come to it from the Executive Committee of the District Synod in which the mission is located and not from individuals or congregations directly, and asks for a ruling upon this suggestion by this convention.

Your Board asks for the apportionment of the same amount to the District Synods for United Synod Home Missions and Church Extension as for the past biennium. Attention is called to the difference between the $30,000 apportioned and the $12,000 raised.

This convention is asked to consider the adoption of a form of "Pledge Card" for the use of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in canvassing our congregations for missions which will preserve the proper balance between the benevolent causes and be in harmony with the apportionment adopted by this body.

We recommend that United Synod fix a date for the ending of the biennium, and have all reports and statistics conform to that date. The statistical reports covering the work of United Synod Home Missions in the minutes, we regard as unsatisfactory, and we recommend a revision and enlargement of the same.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The copy of the charter of this board has never come into our hands. Your Board would inquire concerning it. It is printed in the last minutes, and may be in the hands of the Board of Publication or the Secretary of this body.

Your Board has not received the proper papers for the money given to the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, or the church at Brunswick, Ga., according to the Augusta mortgage loan plan.

On page 55 minutes of last convention, reference is made to a deed for a lot in Fitzgerald, Ga. Your Board secured the deed from Attorney Shearouse. It was a conveyance of the property by one Hooker to the Board after it had been sold for taxes. With the help of the President of the Georgia Synod, your Board came into correspondence with an attorney in Fitzgerald, and has been endeavoring to sell the lot, which is not adapted for a church location. Before we got in touch with the business, the lot had been sold for taxes and purchased by the city. At a subsequent sale it was bid in by our attorney and is now held by him. Unless a buyer can be found who will pay more than the taxes and costs of executions against the property, it is useless to continue to redeem this lot.

Your Board returns to you the trust committed to it, conscious of the imperfections of its performance of duty, and trusting that its successors in office will accomplish larger results in the coming biennium. With gratitude to God for His blessings and thanking those who have cooperated with us in the past, we are,

Yours for Home Missions and Church Extension,

R. L. PATTERSON,
V. Y. BOOZER,
C. L. MILLER,
B. B. MILLER,
C. E. BOGER.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board of Missions and Church Extension, consisting of R. L. Patterson, C. L. Miller, V. Y. Boozer, C. E. Boger, and B. B. Miller, was organized by electing B. B. Miller, President; V. Y. Boozer, Secretary, T. E. Johnston, Treasurer.

No seal of said corporation has come into the hands of the Board as now organized, and in its business transactions said Board has used a de facto seal.

The following business transactions have been made:

Collected mortgage of $2,000 upon the Theological Seminary property at Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, known as "Bernheim Hall," executed formal release of the property and paid the money to the Board of Foreign Missions, pursuant to the action of the United Synod at Richmond.

Released the mortgage for $4,000 on the property formerly occupied by St. John's English Lutheran Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, and secured the execution of a new mortgage for the same amount and same conditions on the new church site, the new mortgage being made to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Collected $250 in satisfaction of an equity in property at Fitzgerald, Georgia, owned by the Georgia Synod, formally releasing the property and paying the money to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Pursuant to the specific instructions of the United Synod at the Richmond convention, the Board of Missions and Church Extension transferred and assigned to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension the following notes, and mortgages, to wit:

Holy Trinity Congregation, Newport News, Va.

Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Augusta, Ga.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Va.

St. Mark's Church, Goodman, Miss.

Woman's Memorial Lutheran Church, Spartanburg, S. C.

Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greeneville, Tenn.

There came into the possession of the Board certain papers in respect to the First English Lutheran Church, Richmond, Va., accompanied by a certificate of R. C. Holland that they had been superseded by other negotiations. No indorsement was made as to these papers.

In the report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension to the Twelfth Convention of the United Synod held at Richmond, Va., there is references to a mortgage on the Atlanta church. This

mortgage did not come into the possession of the Board as now organized. No other assets are in possession of the Board.

Obedient to the instructions of the United Synod at the Twelfth Convention held at Richmond, Va., the Board of Missions and Church Extension executed and delivered to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension a formal transfer and assignment of all mortgages, notes, choses in action, property, real and personal and of every kind, character and description and wheresoever situate, including that now existing in favor of and that hereafter accruing to the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Respectfully submitted.

BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

By B. B. MILLER, Pres.

Attest: V. Y. BOOZER, Sec'y.

REPORT OF T. E. JOHNSTON, TREASURER.

1910. RECEIVED ACCOUNT MISSION LEAGUE.

Oct. 10.	Rev. R. A. Yoder, Treas. Tenn. Synod	$	10 00
	Rev. R. A. Yoder, Treas. Tenn. Synod		10 00
	Rev. M. L. Mauney, Treas. Tenn. Synod		20 00
	Total Mission League	$	40 00

1912.

Oct. 25.	Loaned Home Mission Fund	$	40 00

RECEIVED FOR ACCOUNT CHURCH EXTENSION.

1910.

Oct. 10.	Virginia Synod	$	1,070 68
	Southwest Virginia Synod		46 72
	Tennessee Synod		15 35
	Holston Synod		33 44
	South Carolina Synod		226 67
	Georgia Synod		143 88
	North Carolina Synod		25 00
	C. N., F. N., and S. E. Cover		25 00
	J. B. Hyler bequest		70 00
	J. B. Hyler bequest		70 00
	Borrowed from Mrs. Miller		1,000 00
		$	2,701 68

1912.			
Oct. 25.	Borrowed from Home Mission Fund	5,499	14
		$ 8,200	82

DISBURSEMENTS FOR CHURCH EXTENSION.

1910.			
Oct. 10.	Mrs. Miller in full of prin. on note	$ 1,000	00
	Mrs. Miller interest 6 months	30	00
	J. M. Gnann, Treasurer, Brunswick, Ga.	1,000	00
	H. C. McNight, Treasurer, Greenville, S. C.	3,500	00
	H. C. McNight, Treasurer, int. on unpaid subscription	67	42
	D. R. Huffines, Greensboro, N. C., property ...	1,603	40
	P. J. Ottinger, Treasurer, Lakeland, Fla.	600	00
	P. J. Ottinger, Treasurer, Lakeland, Fla., loan	400	00
		$ 8,200	82

HOME MISSION FUND.

1910.			
Oct. 10.	To balance from J. M. Rhodes, Treasurer	$ 1,063	63
	Virginia Synod	2,155	06
	Southwest Virginia Synod	1,227	91
	Tennessee Synod	958	15
	Holston Synod	474	48
	North Carolina	2,628	38
	South Carolina Synod	2,145	61
	Georgia Synod	1,806	93
	J. M. Beutell bequest	753	73
	Equity Sale Fitzgerald church	250	00
	J. J. Lown bequest	200	00
	C. N., S. E., and F. S. Cover	25	00
		$13,688	94
	Sale Bernheim Hall	2,000	00
	Borrowed from Home Missions	2,701	68
	Borrowed from Mission League	40	00
	Total from all sources	$18,430	62

DISBURSEMENTS OF HOME MISSION FUND.

1910.			
Oct. 10.	Southwest Virginia Synod Missions	$ 414	16

North Carolina Synod Missions	1,575 00
Tennessee Synod Missions	633 30
Holston Synod Missions	487 50
South Carolina Synod Missions	954 00
Georgia Synod Missions	749 45
Dr. Bernheim Annuity (four payments of $90 each)	360 00
Dr. C. L. Kibler, Treasurer Seminary (Thompson)	200 00
Expenses Board meetings and Synod meetings	269 04
Stationery, etc.	150 81
Total for Home Missions	$ 5,793 26
Amt. used for Church Extension	$ 8,200 82
Amt. paid J. A. Cline, Treasurer, Bernheim H.	2,000 00
Balance in treasury	2,436 54
	$18,430 62

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Home Mission and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the South:

We, your committee, appointed to audit the books of Mr. T. Edgar Johnston, Treasurer, beg to submit the following report:

Including the balance of $1,063.63 turned over by the former treasurer, the total receipts as shown by his books from October 10, 1910, to October 9, 1912, are $17,410.02.

Against this total amount in his hands, we find correct vouchers for money expended to the amount of $14,906.02. This leaves a balance on hand of $2,504.

In the above report your committee has passed vouchers for $25, $50, $37.50, $18, and $4, for which no receipts have been returned.

J. M. Hendrix,
Chas. E. Boger,
Auditing Committee.

Concord, N. C., October 19, 1912.

The Synod, on motion, adjourned to be reconvened at 3 p. m. today.

Benediction by Rev. H. M. Brown.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1912, 3 P. M.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Peter Miller.

Rev. M. M. Kinard, official visitor to the General Council, made his report, which was adopted as follows:

Report of Official Visitor to the General Council.

Mr. President and Brethren: At the last convention of this body held two years ago in the city of Richmond, Virginia, I was chosen as official visitor of the United Synod in the South to the thirty-third convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America. I attended the convention of that body which met on Thursday, September 14-19, 1911, in Holy Trinity Lutheran church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. It was my privilege to be present at the opening session and to remain through most of the sessions of the memorable convention. As your representative I was most cordially received and hospitably entertained during my stay.

Monday afternoon, September 18, was the time fixed to hear the official visitor from other General Lutheran bodies.

Rev. F. A. Richter, D.D., of Clinton, Iowa, presented the greetings of the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa and other States. He spoke in the German language. Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D., of Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, spoke words of greeting from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States. Your representative presented the greetings of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South. To each of these addresses the President, the Rev. Dr. T. E. Schmauk, made a warm and most fitting response.

Your representative was very favorably impressed with the personnel of the body and the orderly handling of the business that came before the convention. The great causes of missions, Christian education and all benevolent work demanding attention at the hands of all our Church bodies received special attention by the General Council. A special matter before the convention attracting great attention was the plan for the raising of the Quadri-Centennial Jubilee Fund of $2,000,000, to be completed before October 31, 1917. This fund is to be equally divided, $1,000,000 to constitute a Ministerial Pension Fund, to be invested, the income of which shall be used for needy ministers and their families. The other $1,000,000 is to be invested in the interest of home and foreign missions. The fund is to be largely the result of the Laymen's Missionary Move-

ment in the General Council. This great work commends itself to the United Synod as well as to the whole Church. Your representative in presenting the greetings of the United Synod stressed the close and pleasant relation existing between the two General Bodies. He expressed the fond hope that there may be the most hearty cooperation on the part of the two bodies in the foreign work in Japan, and in the home mission work in the far South, since both have the same confessional basis and teach and preach the same pure doctrines of God's holy Word.

Speaking for the General Council, the President, Rev. Dr. Schmauk, requested me to assure the United Synod that the brethren of the Council have watched with keen interest and admiration the work and growth of the United Synod and bids the brethren of the Southland Godspeed in the work of building up the Church of the Reformation in complete harmony with the work of the fathers who made possible great things for us and our posterity.

The Council assured your representative that at the proper time an official visitor would be duly chosen and authorized to bear the fraternal greetings of the General Council to the thirteenth convention of the United Synod to be held in Atlanta, Ga., beginning November 12, 1912. The Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., of Reading, Pa., was chosen as the official visitor with the Rev. W. C. Hunton Ph.D., of Philadelphia, Pa., as alternate. The next convention of the General Council will be held in Toledo, Ohio, September 9, 1913. The General Council is composed of thirteen district synods and comprises a communicant membership of almost five hundred thousand.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL M. KINARD.

Rev. C. A. Freed, fraternal representative to the General Synod, made his report, which was adopted:

Report of Fraternal Delegate to General Synod.

Mr. President, Fathers and Brethren: As your delegate it was my pleasure to attend the forty-fifth convention of the General Synod held in Washington, D. C., June 7-14, 1911. We met with a warm reception, and were given an attentive hearing in presenting the fraternal greetings of this body. The President, the Rev. J. B. Remensynder, D.D., in his cordial reply, recalled many pleasant memories of his ministry as a pastor within our territory. It was our privilege to be present at the dedication of the new Deaconess Motherhouse in Baltimore, an institution receiving well deserved support and now substantially equipped for great service

to the Church. In the work of education, publication, Home and Foreign missions the report of the boards showed an intelligent, practical grasp of the opportunities before this large body. The adoption of certain clear-cut doctrinal statements at this meeting indicates that behind the active, progressive spirit of service there is also a zeal for the truth in its clearness and purity. This declaration of fidelity to our confessions was not simply a source of joy to the members of the General Synod, but commends itself to the other general bodies of Lutherans in America. In keeping with the spirit of this body heretofore, an official representative was elected to bear their fraternal greetings to the United Synod at this convention.

Respecfully submitted,

C. A. FREED.

Rev. Prof. Holmes Dysinger, D.D., and Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., then addressed the Synod, bearing most hearty greetings from their respective Synods. These were responded to by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, and Rev. J. A. Morehead.

The Board of Foreign Missions reported. Report referred to committee on said report.

Standing Committees.

The Standing Committees were announced as follows:

No. 1. *On President's Report.*—Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D.D., Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., Rev. J. E. Shenk, E. L. Greever, Esq., Mr. H. E. Dreeson.

No. 2. *On Minutes of Last Convention.*—Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, D.D., Rev. John Hall, Rev. H. M. Brown, Messrs. F. R. Epting, and Jno. M. Lichtenwanger.

No. 3. *On District Synods*—Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., Rev. J. L. Morgan, Rev. G. H. Rhodes, Messrs. S. T. Shank and W. E. Bible.

No. 4. *On Devotional Services.*—Pastor Loci, and officers of Synod.

No. 5. *On Theological Seminary.*—Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D.D., Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., Rev. Prof. R. L. Fritz, and Msssrs. H. L. Bonham and Jacob Umlauf.

No. 6. *On Literary Institutions.*—Rev. T. O. Keister, D.D., Revs. H. A. McCullough, Rev. C. K. Bell and Messrs. J. E. Cooper and E. C. Swygert.

No. 7. *On Orphan Home.*—Rev. Chas. K. Hunton, Rev. A. D. K. Hancher, Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., Rev. C. A. Brown, and Messrs. J. M. Rhodes and Chas. H. Stieglitz.

No. 8. *On Home Missions.*—Rev. L. A. Fox, D.D., Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., Rev. Jas. D. Kinard, and Mr. Ambrose L. Henkel and Dr. C. L. Kibler.

No. 9. *On Foreign Missions.*—Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D.D., Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D., Rev. J. H. Harms, D.D., and Mr. Jas. Heilig and Col. Jno. F. Ficken.

No. 10. *On Board of Publication.*—Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Rev. J. B. Greiner, D.D., Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., and Messrs. Jno. D. Cappelmann and R. W. Kime.

No. 11. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., Rev. R. L. Patterson, D.D., Rev. T. W. Shealy, Rev. W. H. Roof, Mr. A. H. Kohn, Prof. C. E. Boger and Mr. J. S. Etter.

No. 12. *On Finance.*—Rev. J. H. Wilson, D.D., Rev. E. L. Ritchie, Rev. W. L. Darr, Messrs. B. L. Umberger, P. C. Price, J. P. Wise and F. R. Epting.

No. 13. *To Audit Treasurer's Report.*—Prof. G. F. McAllister, Messrs. Kenneth Baker, and H. L. Bonham.

No. 14. *On Church Literature.*—Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, Rev. H. G. Davis, Rev. Chas. A. Phillips, Messrs. G. C. Hine and W. P. Houseal.

No. 15. *To Nominate Fraternal Delegates.*—Revs. E. J. Sox, P. E. Monroe, Theo. C. Parker, and Messrs. E. F. Irick and C. M. Thompson.

On motion all visiting ministers of the United Synod were made advisory members.

Rev. C. A. Freed being called home to attend a funeral, Rev. J. H. Wilson takes his place on the delegation of the South Carolina Synod, and Rev. Jas. D. Kinard becomes chairman of the delegation.

Synod adjourned with benediction by Rev. R. L. Patterson.

At 8 p. m. Vesper service was conducted by Rev. V. Y. Boozer, and addresses were made by Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., on Foreign Missions, and Rev. M. J. Epting on Home Missions.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1912, 9 A. M.

Synod convened, and devotional services were conducted by Rev. Chas. K. Hunton.

Roll was called, and minutes of the sessions of yesterday were approved.

The President announced additional committees, completing the list of Standing Committees.

On motion, hereafter all titles of ministers will be omitted from the body of our minutes, except on the Roll of Synod, and in recording names of officers elected.

Rev. Geo. H. Cox was re-elected Statistical Secretary.

Bill rendered by the Secretary, for $3, for stationery and postage, ordered paid.

The Report of Committee on Board of Education was submitted, and adopted.

Report of Committee on Board of Education.

Your Committee, appointed to take under consideration the advisability of the creation of a regular Board of Education, beg leave to report as follows:

It is true, as stated in the report of the Committee on Literary Institutions at the last convention of the United Synod, that this body views the cause of Christian education in its unity; that the need for such a view increases as the unity of the Church grows; and that the whole subject of Christian education in the United Synod should receive continuous and thorough consideration. At the present stage of the growth of the United Synod, a Board of Education could have only advisory powers, but it could exercise functions that would be of great value and importance in promoting interest and unity in the growth of our literary institutions. It is important that, as far as practicable, our schools and colleges should be standardized and correlated, and our educational interests unified. A Board of Education, holding office continuously, and not reporting to Synod hurriedly, as has necessarily been the custom of the Committee on Literary Institutions, could keep in constant touch with our institutions of learning; could obtain and formulate information relating to them and the general cause of Christian education; could arrange for meetings of the professors and trustees of our schools and colleges; and, generally, could maintain a friendly and fostering relationship between our literary institutions and the United Synod.

Our literary institutions are now owned and operated by the District Synods, but, as the United Synod grows in unity and cohesiveness, the functions and duties of the Board of Education will become more practical, and there will be increasing opportunity for it to be of assistance to the general cause of Christian education in our Church.

We recommend:

1. That the United Synod create a Board of Education to be composed of five members, who shall hold office for two years and until their successors shall have been elected.

2. That the Board of Education elected at this convention of the United Synod be authorized to adopt by-laws and rules for its government and defining the scope of its authority, the same to be reported to the United Synod at its next convention for its approval.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. CROMER,
C. L. MILLER,
A. D. R. HANCHER.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary submitted its report, which was received and referred to Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Joint Commission on the Theological Seminary reported. Report was received and referred to Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Corporation Board of the Orphan Home reported. Report received, and referred to Committee on Orphan Home.

The following Committee to Nominate Board of Education was appointed: Revs. W. P. Cline, J. J. Scherer, Jr., and Prof. G. F. McAllister.

The report of visitor to Elizabeth College was adopted as follows:

Report of Visitor to Elizabeth College.

Since the last meeting of the United Synod I have visited Elizabeth College frequently and have had numerous conferences with the President of the college. The attendance of students has been encouraging and the college has maintained the high standards for which it has become noted. We commend Elizabeth College to those

who seek higher education for young women in a wholesome Christian environment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER.

The Committee on Common Sunday School Literature reported. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on a Common Sunday School Literature.

The General Synod and the General Council have appointed the committees asked for by the United Synod for cooperative work with this committee in the preparation of a Common Sunday school literature for all Lutheran Churches. The United Synod committee has been in close communication with these other committees since they were appointed, and, though no joint meeting has been held, decided progress has been made in the direction desired. We would report to the United Synod that the possibilities of something tangible and acceptable in this matter are more real than ever before and the prospects are bright. We would recommend, therefore, that the United Synod continue these negotiations, through a committee, especially as the United Synod, being without a literature of its own, is in a good position to take the initiative in the movement for something definite.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER,
H. A. McCULLOUGH.

Committee on Common Book of Worship considered by items, and adopted with recommendations as follows:

Report of Committee on Common Book of Worship.

The single interest of the United Synod with which your committee has had to deal since the convention in Richmond is the matter of the publication of a Common Book of Worship. In accordance with your instructions (see Minutes, 1910, p. 25), your committee withheld from publication the book which it reported as ready for the printers at the last meeting of this body, and has cooperated, as far as it was practicable, with the Joint Committee of the General Bodies in the effort to provide a Common Book, as regard both liturgy and hymns, with musical settings. The Joint Committee has had two meetings, both in Philadelphia. The first was held on November 1 and 2, 1910, and was attended by the chairman of

your committee; the other, which was held on the 15th of November, 1911, we were represented by the Rev. E. C. Cronk.

At the first meeting nearly all of the hymns in the Provisional Copy of the Hymnal, which is in use among us at present, were carefully examined and finally passed upon, a record being kept of those that were adopted, of those that were rejected, and of those that were referred. A number of hymns not found in the Provisional Copy were also proposed, some of which were adopted and others referred. Action was also taken at this meeting providing for the formation of three subcommittees, as follows. On Text of Hymns, on Liturgy, and on Music. Each of these subcommittees, according to the resolution, was to be composed of six members, giving equal representation to the three General Bodies cooperating in the work; and the committee of each of the General Bodies was requested to select its own representatives in these several subcommittees. Accordingly, at a meeting of your committee held in Charleston, S. C., November 10, 1910, the following appointments were made: On *Text of Hymns*, Revs. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., C. Armand Miller, DD.; *On Liturgy*, Revs. A. G. Voigt, D.D., and L. A. Fox, D.D.; *On Music*, Revs. E. C. Cronk and W. A. Snyder.

The subcommittee on Text of Hymns took up its work promptly and vigorously. It held three meetings in the carly part of 1911—January 3-4, April 26, and May 5. While your committee was not represented in person at these meetings, the results of our study relative to many points of the committee's work were transmitted by letter and "received very careful consideration."

At the second meeting of the Joint Committee, held November 15, 1911, the subcommittee on texts made a full report embodying the results of a great amount of critical work. This report was considered in Joint Committee, and, after action had been taken on the several items, the subcommittee on texts was authorized under certain instructions and limitations to prepare and print a proof copy for the use of members of the Joint Committee. This proof copy came from the press in July, 1912; a copy of it is herewith exhibited.

We may say that the text of the Hymnal is now practically complete, it remaining only for the Joint Committee to pass upon about thirty-six hymns, which the subcommittee on texts, in accordance with instructions, printed in the proof copy, and also upon the collection under the rubric, *Hymns For Children,* at the end of the book.

The subcommittee on Liturgy and that on Music also held meetings at the same time that the Joint Committee met, in November, 1911. The Committee on Music has adopted certain principles, but

obviously can not proceed until the work of the other subcommittees has been completed and adopted by the Joint Committee. The subcommittee on Liturgy is expected to submit its recommendation concerning the matter referred to it at the next meeting of the Joint Committee, which we have good reason to believe will be called before the end of the present year.

Your committee would call attention to the fact that the magnitude of the work in which the Joint Committee is engaged, the variety of processes involved, and the careful consideration and treatment of issues which arise from time to time, make it impossible for the committee to proceed with the rapidity with which a simpler undertaking might be carried forward. We would point with encouragement, however, to the great amount of work which has already been accomplished, the harmonious spirit which has characterized the meetings of the Joint Committee, and the hope which is entertained for the final completion of the work at no very distant day.

Recommendations and suggestions:

1. Your Committee asks for the approval of its acts and recommends the continuance of the work.

2. We recommend that provisions be made for the payment of the expenses of the committee in the prosecution of its work.

3. The following expenses were incurred during the past biennium: By Rev. E. C. Cronk, part expense of trip to Philadelphia, November, 1911, $22.50; by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, part expense of trip to Philadelphia, November 1, 1910, $17.35.

4. We call your attention to the fact that two members of your committee, viz, Revs. C. Armand Miller, D.D. and W. A. Snyder, D.D., have moved beyond the bounds of the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. SCHERER,
L. A. FOX,
E. C. CRONK.

On motion, expenses of the Committee were ordered paid; and the remaining four members of the committee were reappointed.

It was then

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the United Synod be and is hereby authorized to pay the necessary expenses of the Committee on the Common Book of Worship for the ensuing biennium and that the Committee on Finance be instructed to provide for the same.

The Committee on Report of the Board of Foreign Missions submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Foreign Missions.

Your committee has been deeply impressed with the whole situation and prospects of our foreign work, as revealed in the report of the Board. If our risen Lord and Christ is indeed "He that openeth and no man shutteth," then that hand once nailed to Calvary's cross is now wonderfully opening doors, great and effectual, before our faces, that we may enter in and proclaim His name and grace in Japan. For this we have prayed. How then can we refuse to enter the door which the blessed Christ sets open before us, and in answer to our own prayer? Is not His opening the door both loving request and command to us to enter? And is it not also promised, on His part, to give us all needed resources to occupy what He opens up to us? And as the field broadens and widens before us, and we sometimes fear it is growing beyond our ability to occupy, can we not hear Him say, "Is there anything too hard for God?" "Lo, I am with you alway," "My grace is sufficient for thee." "Where is your faith?"

Your committee would here recommend that we approve the actions of our Board as stated in the report, and assure the same that we deeply appreciate all they have done, and are doing, to aid us in fulfilling our Lord's great commission.

We rejoice in the fact that from our own Seminary has gone out a worker in the foreign field, and pray that the Lord of the harvest may be pleased to call many more, an ever increasing supply from the same source.

We also greatly rejoice in the cooperation of both the General Council and the Danish Synod in the Japan work, and assure them that the help of their workers is deeply appreciated in every direction in which their Boards may authorize their workers to cooperate with ours, and authorize our Board to cultivate such cooperation in every proper way in which opportunity may occur.

The United Synod would express its profound thankfulness to God, and to the dear brethren who have felt themselves moved to aid so effectually, by their benefactions and bequests, in enabling our Board to carry on our work abroad. In this connection we trust we may not be doing amiss to notice separately the large benefaction of our beloved brother, Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, of $1,500 to the Japan school, whilst at the same time he is giving that

which is costliest and best of all, his own life and service, on the field, and assure him of our sincerest appreciation of the same.

Also, we would recommend that our Synod express its high sense of the value of the work that has been done among us by the representative of our Laymen's Movement, and our judgment that that work should still be carried forward.

Whilst our endorsement of the actions of the Board as exhibited in the Report would carry with it our endorsement of what it has done in connection with the sending of women workers to Japan, we would yet specially emphasize our approval of the proposition which our Board has made to the Woman's Conference with reference to its support of two young women as workers in Japan. We do earnestly hope that they, the Woman's Conference, may see their way clear to the providing for such support. Our work in Japan can not be well rounded out and provided for until we have such women workers on the field, as well as a medical department also there.

We also recommend the granting of the request of our Board to be permitted to make appeal for an additional $10,000 for the Theological and Science Hall, in Japan, and that said Board be empowered to borrow for that purpose, if necessary, the sum of $5,000.

We also recommend that the recommendations of the Board, appended to their report, and numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, be adopted.

In conclusion, we would recommend the re-election of the existing Board.

L. G. M. MILLER,
W. A. DEATON,
JAMES D. HEILIG,
JNO. F. FICKEN,
J. HENRY HARMS.

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions adopted as follows:

Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

For the Biennium, August 12th, 1910 to October 15th, 1912.

The Foreign Mission Board, as constituted at the last meeting of the United Synod, is the same as to membership as during the preceding biennium, consisting of one member from each of the district synods, as follows:

Robert C. Holland, of the North Carolina Synod.
W. A. Deaton, of the Tennessee Synod.
M. O. J. Kreps, of the South Carolina Synod.
J. H. Murphy, of the Mississippi Synod.
M. J. Epting, of the Georgia Synod.
J. M. Lichtenwanger, of the Holston Synod.
J. E. Cooper, of the Virginia Synod.
H. L. Bonham, of the Southwestern Virginia Synod

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Board are as follows:
Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., Salem, Va., *Prest. and Gen'l Sec'y.*
Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., Columbia, S. C., *Recording Secretary.*
Mr. John A. Cline, Concord, N. C., *Treasurer, and Advisory Member of the Board.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This Committee consists of the Officers of the Board and Mr. J. E. Cooper, and Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D.

THE MISSION FIELD.

Our Mission Work is at present concentrated in the Island Kyushu, Japan, and the stations occupied are, Saga, Kumamoto, Fukuoka, Omuta, Kokura, Ogi and several minor outstations, the aggregate population of all these places being about 300,000, including Kurume, occupied by our American Danish brethren, with whom we have been in very close fraternal cooperation for a number of years.

OUR PRESENT WORKING FORCE IN JAPAN.

The following presents our staff of regular workers in the mission field:

NAMES OF OUR MISSIONARIES.

	Date of arrival in Japan.
Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D., Kumamoto	1898 and 1908—October 7th.
Mrs. C. L. Brown, Kumamoto	1898 and 1908—October 7th.
Rev. C. K. Lippard, D.D., Saga	1900 and 1908—April 6th.
Mrs. C. K. Lippard, Saga	1900 and 1908—April 6th.
Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, Kumamoto	1906 and 1912—October 10th.
Rev. L. S. G. Miller, Fukuoka	1907—December 22d.
Mrs. L. S. G. Miller, Fukuoka	1912—October 12th.
Rev. C. W. Hepner	1912—October 10th.

NAMES OF OUR NATIVE WORKERS.

Rev. Yamanouchi Ryohei, ordained.
Mrs. Yamanouchi.
Rev. Naomaru, ordained.
Mrs. Naomaru.
Evangelist Wasa.
Evangelist Takahashi.
Evangelist Washiyama.
Evangelist Takimoto.
Mrs. Takimoto.
Evangeliist Kawase.

In addition to the foregoing there are four native kindergarten teachers, working at Saga and Ogi, under the supervision of Dr. and Mrs. Lippard, with an average of fifty children in attendance.

All of these brethren, except the two missionaries who have just reached Japan from America, have been perseveringly and efficiently at their posts of duty during the entire biennium, with almost no interruption through sickness or other cause; and they deserve our unreserved commendation and unquestioning confidence. They have placed us under most sacred obligation by their self-sacrificing devotion, to sustain them to the limit of our ability in the way of financial and moral support. We should esteem ourselves fortunate to have as our representatives on the foreign field men and women of such marked ability, faithfulness and consecration.

OUR PROPERTY IN JAPAN.

We own in Saga, a city of 35,000, a chapel, a missionary's home, costing nearly $3,000, a kindergarten building, costing $1,200, and also a resiidence for kindergarten teachers located on same lot with the missionary's home.

In the city of Kumamoto, a city of 80,000, we own a chapel and a parish home on same lot, residence of Rev. Takimoto. Here we have also a missionary's home occupied by Dr. Brown and family.

In this city is located the Mission School, Kyushu Gakuin, upon a site of eight acres, consisting at present of six buildings, including administration and class room building, dormitory and gymnasium, the entire plant, with equipment costing $54,000.

Omuta, a city of 20,000 we own a chapel, a Japanese structure, estimated at $500.

In Fukuoka, (78,000), Kokura, (31,000)(Ogi, (5,000) we are using rented property only. Chapel and missionary's home greatly needed at the present time in Fukuoka.

THE MISSION SCHOOL AT KUMAMOTO.

In November 1909, negotiations for the purchase of an eight acre site for the Mission School in the city of Kumamoto were consummated, the purchase price being $13,600. As soon thereafter as possible the required buildings were begun. At this date, November, 1912, the buildings completed are dormitory for 100 students, dining room and kitchen, gymnasium, two professors' houses, and the main building for administration and class room purposes, at a cost, land and buildings, of 50,000. To this has been added for improvement of the grounds and equipment the sum of $4,000, making a total expenditure for ground, buildings and equipment, $54,000. Cash receipts for the school, first and second campaigns, have amounted, over and above campaign expenses, to a little over $51,000. The Board was under the necessity of making a draft upon the general treasury for $3,000 which has occasioned a financial crisis unprecedented in the history of our foreign mission work. Partial relief would be experienced should the unpaid pledges for school purposes be redeemed. "We are perplexed, but not unto despair."

We are more than reconciled to the financial status of the school question in view of the successful accomplishment of the undertaking, the most sanguine hopes having been more than realized. The management on the Japan side has been in good hands, and Dr. Brown, with broad views and conquering courage and faith, coupled with requisite executive ability, has brought to a happy consummation an enterprise hitherto recognized as essential to the maintenance of our cause in Japan, yet contemplated with no little misgiving as beyond our reach. Cooperating in the home field Mr. Stirewalt has helped to make possible the financial side of the question, and has succeeded in establishing a more sympathetic and helpful relationship to the cause on the part of the Church at home. These brethren have become linked with the great undertaking in the way of meritorious service commanding the admiration of all the friends of the United Synod Church in Japan.

This school is of the style known as Middle School, and is equipped for a five year course of study, with a requisite corps of professors. The first session began April, 1911, applicants for the first year's grade only being admitted. Out of 222 applicants there were selected 122, this being in excess of the number really decided upon for present enrolment. The second session opened April, 1912. Out of first grade 109 were passed to second grade. Applicants for entrance into first grade numbered 275. Out of

this number 96 were accepted, making the enrolment at this date 205. This is an encouraging commentary upon the prestige gained, and a prophecy of a successful future, and the friends who have contributed to this department of the mission work in Japan have abundant reason to rejoice together over their happy and wise investment.

THE BIBLE OR THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

This department of the Mission work has been in operation for five years, but has attained adequate proportions consequent upon the establishmnet of the Middle School two years ago, though it has no organic connection therewith, having an independent existence. Eight students are in attendance. Dr. C. L. Brown is at the head of this school of the prophets, and is one of the regular professors. Rev. Mr. Winther and Mr. T. Kubo also hold full professorships. These are assisted further by several native Christian scholars. The three years' course of study indicates a purpose for thorough training of future evangelists, and constitutes not only an important, but an essential part of the successful prosecution of the vital and ultimate purpose in hand, the preaching of the Gospel and the gathering into the Church of Christ such as shall believe on the Son of God. This department of the work should appeal to the entire Church as an object of special prayer; that these young men may be true and faithful witnesses for Christ, and be constrained by a consuming passion for winning souls to the saving faith.

REV. CHARLES W. HEPNER—NEW MISSIONARY.

The interests of the Cause in Japan required the sending out of a fifth missionary. Guided by Providence, as we trust, the Board extended a call to Mr. Charles W. Hepner, a candidate for graduation from our Southern Seminary. The call was accepted, April 15, 1912, in terms as follows:

"Realizing that our sufficiency is of God, trusting in Him for needed grace, assured of His directing care, conscious of the responsibility assumed, and thankful for the privilege, I reverently accept the call as missionary to Japan."

Mr. Hepner graduated with credit from the Seminary in May following, and placed himself at the service of the Board, visited a number of the congregations in the valley of Virginia in obedience to request of pastors, and was ordained by the Virginia Synod at St. James' Church, Augusta County, Va., on the 23d day of August,

and was formally commissioned as missionary at a farewell service held in Grace Church, Winchester, Va., on August 25th, 1912, and started in company with Rev. A. J. Stirewalt for Japan September 9th following.

Rev. Mr. Hepner was born May 18th, 1887, son of Mr. S. B. Hepner and Mrs. Minnie L. Hepner, of Shenandoah County, Virginia, baptized in infancy, and confirmed November 26th, 1903. Entered Roanoke College September, 1905, graduating therefrom June, 1909, and spent the three years in our Southern Seminary, maintaining through all these years a distinctively Christian character, scholarly habits, and the confidence and commendation of his preceptors. For a number of years beginning during his college course he has cherished a desire to serve his Master in the foreign field and when the call came to him he was prepared for a prompt response. May his ministry, under the Divine favor, add yet stronger confirmation to the conviction that the call, under which he now goes forth, is the call of the Great Head of the Church.

THE EVANGELISTIC PHASE OF THE WORK.

With the return of Mr. Stirewalt, and the entrance of the fifth missionary, together with the early locating of new evangelists, the evangelistic service will doubtless receive renewed attention. The peculiar conditions in Japan at this time are recognized as not so favorable as in recent years for a rapid ingathering of souls. Perhaps there is a greater hesitancy to accept Christianity than there was a few years ago. Faith, courage and perseverance are put to a severer test. Converts of today, while seemingly less in number, will count for move, though the progress may be slower than was at first anticipated. The call is growing louder for the strengthening of the forces, and pushing forward with increased vigor.

Compared with the experiences of stronger missions, our United Synod Mission has reason to take courage upon results already obtained. During its brief history, and it hitherto lack of prestige and equipment, there appear most praiseworthy results from the service of our faithful missionaries.

There has been enrolled in our Mission from first to last 546 souls, gathered into the fold of Christ. Quite a number of these have removed to other parts of the empire, and are supposed to carry their faith and influence into other channels. The present resident and active membership is 255, who contributed during the last two years the sum of $736.00 towards the support of the cause, an average of $1.45 each per annum. During the biennium there

were 43 adult baptisms, and of children, 30. In the various Sunday schools thre are today 555 scholars under 30 teachers. There are at least nine regular stations occupied, with several sub-stations visited. There is a kindergarten at Saga and one at Ogi, with a present enrolment of 65 pupils, under the training of five teachers.

Evangelistic work finds an inviting field in the Mission School at Kumamoto, as illustrated by the voluntary application to Dr. Brown of 40 of the boys for Bible study. We can not but believe that with the experience of the past, and with the enlarged equipment of the present, the cause has attained to a point of advantage to give a bright outlook on the future, and that success, under God, awaits only the prayers and adequate support on the part of the Church at home.

THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE CAUSE.

(1) *For the Biennium Past.*

From November 1, 1910 to November 1, 1912 the cause has demanded the remittance to Japan for the current support the sum of $29,800.00. The remittance for November, 1912 was $1,325.00. If to this we add interest on annuity and necessary administration expenses, the amount needed to cover all immediate expenses for the present *monthly* support of the cause will be $1,463, or the minimum rate of $17,781 per year.

We have been enabled to meet the expenses during the biennium by adding to the income from the ordinary sources, three thousand dollars, Bernheim annuity, which has come into our hands since last meeting of the United Synod, and also one thousand dollars given by Mrs. F. P. Cover, and also seven hundred and fifty dollars received under deed of Mr. J. M. Beutell, of Winchester, Va. Through these friends we have been enabled to defer to the present time the disaster of an empty treasury. For this timely help we should thank a kind Providence, and record our sense of gratitude to such generous patrons of the cause.

(2) *For the Ensuing Biennium.*

We close the biennium just passed with little or no money in the treasury in striking contrast with the condition two years ago. While the cost of maintenance has greatly increased, due largely, though not entirely, to the support of the Mission School, now in its second session, the income from the home Church shows very little increase. Why this is the case it is difficult to understand, except that possibly the Mission School campaign may have claimed ex-

clusive attention in certain places. But the facts seem to show that where there was liberality toward the School enterprise, there was less falling off in current support.

The support of this cause awaits a larger loyalty on the part of the synods to the general work of the United Synod. This involves essentially a more acute sense of synodical responsibility. The work of the United Synod should have imperative claim by virtue of the federated pledge here made, each synod standing related to all the others by combined enactment, through representatives, clerical and lay, carefully chosen and commissioned. Mutual confidence among the synods must be maintained or there will result a lowering of the standard of endeavor among all. The *esprit du corps* in the others is seriously affected, when one or more of the synods, by any negligence, would invite impaired faith. Where all the synods accept their share of responsibility, and the executive officers of the synods carefully guard the interests of the common cause, there will be an enlargement of the general work, less confusion in administration and a larger vision fostered among our Churches.

Inasmuch as the Foreign Mission Board must begin the biennium with an obligation to the extent of $17,500, coupled with a certainty of an increase as the work in Japan grows, we are compelled to ask of this body an authorized apportionment of $20,000 per annum. The necessity is upon us. The cause has reached an eminence long desired for proper and effective service. At no time heretofore has there come from Japan a more meritorious claim upon our confidence and support. The results of this meeting of the United Synod are being awaited with peculiar anxiety by our brethren in Japan, and should there not be an enthusiastic championship of the cause at this convention our missionaries would experience a painful disappointment.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER BODIES.

The plan of cooperation by the three Lutheran Missions in Japan in evangelistic work was presented at last convention of the United Synod There have been no changes made since last report, and the United Synod mission has been in harmonious relation with those of the United Danish Church in America, and the General Council.

Cooperation in the Mission School is exemplified on the part of the Danish Church by the services in the Theological School, of Rev. J. M. T. Winther as full professor, and on the part of the General Council, of Rev. Edward T. Horn, Jr., as professor of

English in Kyushu Gakuin. These two scholarly professors add greatly to the efficiently of these several departments of our educational work. We rejoice in this happy combination.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Foreign Mission Cause has been fostered in many congregations during the twenty years of our work in Japan in no small degree by organized Woman's Missionary Societies, and they have greatly helped in the financial support of the Cause. The cry of the great need of the masses deprived of Gospel opportunity, as well as the call of the Master to world-wide service, has appealed to their finer Christian impulses and their example is a constant argument in behalf of a wider and deeper Church life.

They have organized and cherished Children's Missionary Societies in congregations and synods, and herein the work of our women is to be especially commended. If our Church is ever to be made a Missionary Church, special stress must be given to the training of our young people who must soon be the responsible representatives of the Church's character and influence. One of the most vital questions presented to the attention of the Church today is the fostering of the missionary spirit and service in and through the Sunday school. It is just here that the pastor needs the enthusiastic support of the consecrated women of the Church. The tragedy of the Church's unpreparedness to answer to the missionary opportunity and call of the hour now at hand, must not be indifferently transmitted to the next generation.

The financial support given by the Woman's and Children's Societies through Synodical organizations during the two years past was $1,960.00 for the school and $6,000 for support of the Mission.

We wish to record our appreciation of the generous help given the Cause by the women and children in and through their organized societies.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS AND MISSION STUDY CLASSES.

The young people of the two Synods of North and South Carolina have shown during the last eighteen months most commendable zeal in the cause of missions, and thus we have two synodical federations of Young People's Missionary Guilds. Their generous rivalry and missionary enthusiasm has resulted in each federation securing a memorial room in the Kyushu Gakuin. That they so promptly responded to the extent of $500 each shows the possi-

bilities of this hitherto unused factor in the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

This has been the outcome to no inconsiderable degree of mission study on the part of the leaders in this movement. The missionary propaganda has become such a prominent feature of the Church's thought and life, as well as one of the most significant historical phenomena of the day, that the study of missions is being recognized as part of proper education in our colleges and seminaries, as well as in the awakened congregation.

THE LIVINGSTONE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

The nineteenth of March next is the centennial of the birth of David Livingstone, the greatest missionary explorer in the world's history. The celebration of this centennial will be of an international character. In America it is proposed to give a widespread and effective celebration of this one hundredth anniversary, beginning January 1, 1913, and culminating March 19, 1913.

The Foreign Mission Conference of North America, at its meeting in New York last January, took action as follows:

"That each board take steps to celebrate in a proper way and at the proper time the proposed centennial.

"That the Missionary Education Movement be requested to facilitate this celebration in such ways as may be possible."

As the season suggested—January to March 19th—will embrace the Epiphany festival, we request the United Synod to make proper recognition of this anniversary and join in with other general bodies in making the memorial observance as beneficial as possible among our churches. It is an opportunity for our young people to familiarize themselves with the spirit and marvelous service of this remarkable missionary and explorer.

The Board of Foreign Missions would most assuredly cooperate with pastors and societies, in giving effectiveness to this memorial observance.

THE LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

It is the desire of this Board that this movement continue in active operation in the way of educating and inspiring our churches to larger things and in prosecuting to practical results the financial system already inaugurated. It seems that a point has been reached at which this agency can not be suspended without disappointing expectations as to material benefits. While the income for foreign missions, part from the mission school fund, has not ad-

vanced appreciably during the last two years, we can not but believe that the outcome will vindicate the merits of the movement. It would be strange indeed if this movement, born in the profound conviction of the necessity for larger response to the world call for the gospel, should not appeal to our people in the South as successfully as to other Christians. The apology often calmly uttered, "We are proverbially slow," is not at all complimentary. We can not afford to acquiesce in any threatened chronic apathy which would classify us as reactionaries in the cause of missions in this great missionary era of the Church. The good work begun should be prosecuted through another biennium, in order that the methods now partially replacing former ones become not only general, but as largely efficient as possible. That which claims very emphatic attention today is a better financial basis for the general enterprises of the United Synod.

THE EMERGENCY MISSION CIRCLE.

The survivors of the Mission League, who did so splendidly in 1911 in behalf of the equipment of the administration building of Kyushu Gakuin, contributing over $1,300, by common consent have become the nucleus of The Emergency Mission Circle. The expectation is to add largely to this emergency circle in membership throughout the Church.

This Circle is for special emergencies arising in Japan, such as can not be foreseen and which must be met. There is no pledge other than that of good will, and of prayerful interest in the cause, and a willingness to come to the rescue in a pending crisis. We hope to add at least 500 names to those already enrolled, thus constituting a brotherhood of chosen spirits whose common bond is Christian devotion to a cause appealing distinctly to our loyalty to the Lord Christ. We desire to commend this agency to the sympathetic attention of those who have a genuine concern for our missionaries and the cause to which they are giving their lives.

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES.

It is our purpose to keep administration expenses within ten per cent of the amount received for the maintenance of the cause. Should we realize the amount called for and imperatively needed, that is, $20,000 per year, the necessary expenses of administration should not exceed nine per cent.

We are paying now to President and General Secretary $1,200; to the Treasurer, $100; annuity, $240, and incidental expenses

amounting to about $250 annually, including Board meetings, printing, postage. etc.

SPECIAL GIFTS AND BEQUESTS.

We wish to place on record appreciative recognition of the generous support of the cause given by the Grace Church, Winchester, Va., in supporting a missionary on the field, and also a native evangelist, to the extent of $1,500 per annum.

Also of the timely free-will offering of Mrs. F. P. Cover, of $1,000

Also of the personal donation to the Japan Mission School fund of $1,500 by missionary Rev. A. J. Stirewalt.

Also of the most helpful and cheering action by the Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga.. whereby the sum of $5,000 is pledged for the erection of Memorial Chapel upon the school grounds in Kumamoto, coupled with instructions to the Board to proceed with the building.

Also of the valuable help given by Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Bernheim in the way of annuity donation, placing $4,000 in the treasury of the Board, making it possible to close the biennium free of debt.

Also for a bequest of $400 by Mr. J. J. Lown, deceased, which has just come into our hands.

Also of the generous spirit of the faculty and trustees of Roanoke College in granting a scholarship of $250 per session to our Japan mission. Mr. J. Murakami, a young man of fine character and talent, who is a faithful student, and a Christian, is now at the institution, enjoying the benefit of this scholarship, in preparation for service in our mission school, this being his second session.

Also of the scholarship granted our mission of $250 per session. Mr. I. Murakami is now at the college, this being his second session.

Also for bequest of Mr. J. M. Beutell, deceased, of $753.

Also for the assumption by a generous servant of the Church of the support of the missionary who has recently sailed to Japan, and to a number of other special friends whose benefactions are marked by Christian devotion and beautiful self-denial.

May the example set by these considerate friends of the Cause be an inspiration to all of us, and promotive of larger vision in regard to our relation to the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath unto "The Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, incorporated January 4, 1909, under and according to the laws of the State of South Carolina, the sum of.....dollars, to be used for the appropriate objects of said corporation.

SPECIAL NEEDS.

The special needs not provided for in the appropriation asked for are, a Theological Hall on the school grounds, for $5,000, a Missionary's Home in Hakata, for $5,000, including ground, and a Chapel in same city for $5,000, including ground, and for each of these, we beg attention to foregoing form of bequest.

THE SENDING OUT WOMEN MISSIONARIES.

Information has reached us of action taken by the United Synod Mission Conference in Japan, to the effect that the time is near at hand when two women missionaries could be used advantageously in connection with the work there.

The Board has taken action as follows:

Inasmuch as the expense of the extra work must be secured over and above present sources of income—and we are so warned by the brethren in Japan—it was resolved to submit to the Woman's Missionary Conference called for November 12, at Atlanta, the following proposition:

Resolved, That the Board stands ready to commission as missionaries to Japan two young ladies, having the qualifications specified in the action of the Japan Conference, should the Woman's Missionary Societies provide for their support in a way which will not subtract from the financial aid they are now giving the general cause in Japan; and that if the said Woman's Missionary Conference take favorable action upon this proposition, then the Board asks said Conference to appoint a commission of two or three ladies with whom the Board may hold consulting relation in regard to the selection of said missionaries and the conducting of woman's work in connection with our missionary work in Japan.

7. The Board of Foreign Missions respectfully asks of the United Synod endorsement of appeal to the churches and individuals for the sum of $10,000 over and above the amount of the apportionment of $20,000, for the purpose of erecting the needed Theological Hall, and the Science Building, upon the mission school grounds in Japan, and that the Board be empowered to borrow if necessary the sum

of $5,000 for the immediate erection of the Theological Hall, in view of the urgent call which comes to us from our missionaries, whom we have commissioned to carry on this great work.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the United Synod record its appreciation of the faithful services of our Missionaries in Japan, and its continued confidence in their judgment in the administration of the affairs of the Mission; and that this body renew its pledge "to loyally sustain them in the work to which they are giving their lives in our stead."

2. That this body express its gratification for the successful prosecution of the work of building up the Mission School at Kumamoto, for the auspicious opening of the first and second sessions, in the commodious building fully paid for; and that Rev. Mr. Stirewalt for his great work in this behalf in the home field, and Dr. Brown for his laborious, faithful and judicious administration of its affairs in Japan, be especially commended for their important agency in bringing about such a happy consummation; and that the greeting of the United Synod be conveyed to the entire faculty and the 205 students enrolled, and especially to Rev. J. M. T. Winther, of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and Rev. Edward T. Horn, Jr., of the General Council, for their valuable cooperation in this educational work.

3. That recognizing the necessary demands of the work in Japan, and the obligation of the United Synod in regard thereto, the sum of $20,000 annually be apportioned among the different synods during the ensuing biennium as the amount necessary to meet the current expenses of the Mission, including the support of the Mission School, and exclusive of buildings which should or may be erected on school grounds or at Mission stations.

4. That Epiphany season be recognized as Foreign Mission Festival in all our congregations, and that "April Japan Day" be designated as the season for special offerings for the Japan Mission in all our Sunday schools.

5. That the recommendation of the Conference of the Foreign Mission Boards of North America, in regard to the observance of David Livingstone Centennial be approved, and our Foreign Mission Board be instructed to provide for its proper celebration among our people.

6. That the United Synod recognizes in the "Emergency Mission Circle" a valuable agency for meeting emergencies liable to occur in the Foreign work, and commends the same as promotive of individual interest and intelligent giving, and as a desirable supplement to the sum apportioned to the churches

The Board desires to give expression to its appreciation of the cordial consideration which the Cause has received from pastors and people, and the Sunday schools and other agencies of the Church, the *Church Visitor* and *Tidings,* whereby we have been enabled to accomplish the work committed to our care.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT C. HOLLAND,
M. O. J. KREPS,
W. A. DEATON,
J. E. COOPER,
J. M. LICHTENWANGER,
J. H. MURPHY,
M. J. EPTING,
H. L. BONHAM,

Atlanta, Ga., November 12, 1912.

Treasurer's Report.

Aug. 13, 1910, to Oct. 15, 1912.

John A. Cline, Treasurer, in Account with the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

1910	Dr.	
Aug. 13.	To balance	$ 1,836 91
	To amount received from all sources	41,814 67
		$43,651 58

Cr.	
Salary to Rev. C. L. Brown	$ 2,887 00
Salary to Rev. C. K. Lippard	2,883 30
Salary to Rev. L. S. G. Miller	2,380 00
Salary to Rev. A. J. Stirewalt	2,005 73
Salary to C. W. Hepner	133 33
Salary to Mr. T. Kubo	400 54
Salary to Mr. Toyama	141 66
Amount for incidentals	8,000 00
Amount for Japan School support	7,833 99
Salary Supt. of Board	2,898 09

	Passage money for Stirewalt and Hepner	343 80
	Amt. for outfit for Stirewalt and Hepner	200 00
	Amt. Loan to Japan School	8,650 00
	Amt. to Home Missions	753 79
	Salary John A. Cline, Treas.	200 00
	Amt. for repairs to Kumamoto church	150 00
	Amt. to Mrs. Brown, work in Kumamoto	200 00
	Amt. to Mrs. Bernheim for interest	481 44
	Amt. for kindergarten work	600 00
	Amt. to Mrs. Cronk for Mite Boxes	55 84
	Amt. for printing, travel, stamps, stationery and other administration and school campaign expenses	775 64
1912.		
Oct. 14.	Balance on hand	1,677 43
		$43,651 58

JAPAN SCHOOL BUILDING FUND.

1910	Dr.	
Aug. 13.	To balance .....$	96 06
Dec. 23.	Amt. from Mission League	3,000 00
1911		
April	Amt. borrowed from Foreign Miss.....	2,600 00
May	Amt. borrowed from Foreign Miss.	2,000 00
July	Amt. borrowed from Foreign Miss.	550 00
Oct.	Amt. from sale of Bernheim Hall	2,000 00
	Amt. contributed by Rev. Stirewalt	500 00
	Amt. from all other sources	25,399 30
	Amt. from Mission League	1,050 00
		$37,195 36

Cr.

	Amt. expenses Rev. A. J. Stirewalt campaign..$	500 00
	Amt. returned to Foreign Missions	8,121 13
	Amt. remitted to Japan	28,574 23
		$37,195 36

MISSION LEAGUE.

1910		Dr.	
Aug. 13.	To balance		$ 3,024 00
1912			
Oct. 25.	Amt. received from all sources		2,640 45
			$ 5,664 45
		Cr.	
	Amt. to Japan School		$ 4,050 00
	Amt. for incidentals, Japan School		600 00
	Part salary Rev. L. S. G. Miller		186 05
	Part salary Rev. C. K. Lippard		150 04
	Part salary Rev. C. L. Brown		233 34
	Part salary Supt. Board		116 66
	Part salary Mr. Toyama		141 55
	Amt. Administration expense		66 12
1912			
Oct. 25.	By balance on hand		120 58
			$ 5,664 45

JNO. A. CLINE, Treasurer,
Foreign Missiion Board.

SUMMARY.

A careful review of the Report of treasurer John A. Cline, gives the following summary of expenditures and receipts within the dates given:

THE MISSION SCHOOL BUILDING FUND.

Amount paid on grounds and buildings	$25,000 00
Amount paid on equipment	3,574 23
Amount paid in part, campaign expenses	500 00
	$29,074 23

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT.

(Including Emergency League.)

Amount paid for support of mission including maintenance of the Mission School and Administration Expenses, transit, etc.	$34,892 91
Total cash paid Aug. 1910 to Oct. 1912	$63,967 14

Balance on hand Oct. 15, 1912	1,798 01
Total receipts	$65,765 15

ROBERT C. HOLLAND.

It was then

Resolved, That hearty appreciation is herewith expressed as to the recent visit to our people by Missionary Stirewalt, and especially as to the spirit of sacrifice and devotion displayed by him, not only in wholly devoting his life to our work in Japan, but as well in recently contributing the large sum of $1,500 to the needs of the work.

A Report of Laymen's Missionary Movement was submitted, received as information, and ordered spread on our minutes.

Report of the Laymen's Missionary Movement for the Biennium of 1910-1912.

Dear Brethren: Appreciating the "hearty approval and endorsement" of the Laymen's Missionary Movement by the United Synod at Richmond, at the suggestion of the President in his report that the Movement "ought not to be regarded merely as a private undertaking, but as one of the lines in which the United Synod is doing its work," the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement deemed it right that a report of the work be submitted to your body at this meeting.

The Executive Committee has held a number of meetings for the purpose of discussing the work and to plan for its furtherance, and the General Secretary has been continuously in the field, presenting the work to conferences, conventions, synods, congregations and church councils.

The District Synods and conferences have very generally given place in their programs for the presentation and consideration of the Movement's plans and methods of work, especially its financial system.

Missionary Committees have been appointed in about 200 congregations, with about 1,000 men serving on them. Chiefly through these committees about 200,000 pieces of missionary literature have been distributed among the congregations of the United Synod and 200 copies of "The Pastor and Modern Missions" were sent free to our pastors, as a gift from "three interested laymen."

MISSION STUDY.

The General Secretary has visited our colleges and Theological Seminary, as he has had opportunity, in the interest of Mission Study, which has resulted in the formation of a large number of classes among the students, in some of the colleges practically the entire student body having been enlisted. Inasmuch as the future mission work of the Church depends upon the attitude of the young people of this generation and especially the students, there is no estimating the far reaching effects of this work in the colleges.

FIRST GENERAL CONVENTION.

On February 7-9, 1912, at Salisbury, N. C., there was held the first general convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Lutheran Church in the South with an attendance of over 500 registered delegates, more than 100 of whom were Lutheran ministers, and altogether nearly 1,000 men in attendance, making it the largest representative gathering of Lutherans ever held in the South. An unusually strong program was presented, many of the leading Lutherans of this country taking part and other men of national reputation. The cost of the convention, about $1,000, was fully met by registration fees and contributions from the citizens of Salisbury. The consensus of opinion is that the effect of this convention upon the Church as a whole has been such that a second general convention should be held, and already the Executive Committee is planning for such a convention to be held early in 1914, the exact date and place yet to be decided upon.

MAINTENANCE FUND.

At the Salisbury Convention the Executive Committee conceded to the expressed wish of many that the congregations be permitted to share in the maintenance fund of the Movement, and a popular subscription was taken, aggregating $1,900 a year for two years. This is a departure from the usual methods of the Movement, and such is an experiment, but it accords with the wishes of many.

NEW FINANCIAL PLAN.

Perhaps one of the largest contributions to the whole work of the Church which the Movement has made, is the working out of a better financial system, known as the "New Financial Plan." The congregations that have introduced this plan have done so with telling results, and while there has been, in the aggregate, no large

increase in benevolent funds in the United Synod, these congregations have advanced, and some of them have made large advances in their contributions, thus preventing a deficit resulting from the decrease in other congregations.

The essential features of the New Financial Plan are:

1. The "Annual Every Member Canvass" to be made in person, by committees of two each.

2. A three-fold subscription (Current Local Expenses, Home Missions and other home causes of benevolence, and Foreign Missions) to be made on the weekly basis and to be paid, or laid by, each week.

3. The use of a form of the Duplex envelope conforming to the three-fold subscription.

4. The Current Expenses and Benevolences to be handled by different treasurers.

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS.

Believing that the greatest need of the Church and her greatest unused talent is intercessory prayer for the world's redemption, the unceasing effort of the Laymen's Missionary Movement has been to call the Church to more definite prayer for missions and missionaries at home and abroad, and we trust we have had some share in the Church's awakening in this particular, a change which the casual observer can not fail to see.

THE LAYMEN'S RESPONSE.

Many of our laymen are showing a willingness to respond to the call of the Church for service, as is being strikingly demonstrated in some of our congregations whose pastors are setting themselves definitely to the work of developing and using their laymen. These congregations are beginning to realize one of the Church's largest assets—her laymen. The Laymen's Missionary Movement, recognizing the pastor as the divinely appointed leader, looks to him for leadership.

The average layman has been quite contented to do nothing, but the call of God, through His Church, for Christian men of sterling worth to win a world is stirring many of our laymen from their selfish indifference and filling them with a divine enthusiasm for world conquest.

E. C. CRONK, General Secretary,

For the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Resolutions were presented, approving the "New Financial Plan." Action was deferred until the Committee on the Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension is presented.

Synod adjourned. Benediction by Rev. L. G. M. Miller.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1912, 2:30 P. M.

Synod was opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. J. B. Greiner.

The committee on Letters and Petitions made a partial report. That part of the report referring papers to the Committee on Home Mission Board's Report was adopted, and the report to be completed and presented later.

The Committee on Minutes of Last Synod reported. The report was considered by items and finally adopted, with answers as given in the report.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Synod.

Your committee would report as follows:

1. Recommendations in the Report of Committee on Sunday School Work, page 20: (a) That the Synod appoint a committee to arrange a teacher-training course, to prepare or select and recommend suitable text books. Has this matter been attended to? Answer: Report will be made. (b) For the development of the young people in benevolence we urge the passage of a resolution requesting all our Sunday schools to take offerings for the several causes of the United Synod to which the congregations are asked to contribute. In how far has this resolution been complied with? Answer: It has been partially complied with.

2. Item in the Report on the Music Edition of the Book of Worship, page 26: "We recommend, therefore that the publication of the music edition of the book in use by us be deferred at least until the next meeting of the United Synod." Answer: Referred to the Committee on Common Book of Worship.

3. Resolutions of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Publication.

Item 3. That the Synod approve the second recommendation of the Board. (See page 41.) "That the United Synod appoint a committee to confer with similar committee or boards of other Lutheran Bodies with a view to preparing a series of Common

Sunday school lessons, and helps for the use of Lutheran Sunday schools. Has this been done? Answer: It has been so reported.

Item 4. That the United Synod commends the Publication cause to our people and urges that an annual offering be taken in our congregations for the liquidation of the present indebtedness. Has there been any response to this resolution and does its necessity continue? Answer: No offerings were taken. Referred to Committee on Board of Publication.

4. Report of Committee on Theological Seminary, page 50:

Item 4. "We recommend that the District Synods be requested to assume the apportionments as suggested in the report of the Board." Has this been brought to the attention of the District Synods, and has there been compliance with this request? Answer. Generally complied with.

5. Recommendation in the Report of the Committee on Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, page 53.

Item 4. With reference to the request of the Board for authority to employ a Field Secretary, we heartily agree, and recommend that the Board be instructed to employ a secretary at a salary to be fixed by the Board, whose duties shall be those usually incident to such office; and the Board be advised as soon as practicable to engage him as missionary pastor at some mission point. What steps has the Board taken to carry out this resolution? Answer: See Report of Board.

6. Report of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions:

Item 8. That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to call and send to Japan another missionary as soon as, in their discretion, this action is justified by the increasing interest of the congregations of the United Synod manifested by their support of the cause. Has this been done? Answer: Complied with. (See Report of Board.)

7. Report of the Committee on Finance, pages 87 and 88:

Item 1. That one and a half cents per capita, in addition to the one-half cent provided for by standing resolution, be added to assessments of the District Synods. Has this assessment been made and will it be necessary in the coming biennium? Answer: Yes, for 1911. (Referred to Finance Committee.)

Item 6. That the United Synod instruct the President of the several Boards to send to the chairman of the Finance Committee thirty days prior to each convention of this Synod estimates of the appropriations that will be required in order that the committee may formulate a plan for financing the work of the Synod. Could

the Boards carry out this resolution under existing circumstances? Answer: No.

8. Resolutions, pages 101 and 102:

Resolved, That the Boards of Home Missions, of Foreign Missions, and of Publication shall submit their reports in printed form at the first session of each convention of the United Synod and that these reports be referred to appropriate committees at once; and that all matters of importance and recommendations be read by a representative of said Boards immediately before the presentation of the reports of these committees. Have the Boards complied with this provision? What is the import of the last clause of this resolution? Answer: Boards of Home and Foreign Missions have done so.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. W. HOPPE,
H. M. BROWN,
F. R. EPTING.

The Committee on Sunday School work reported as follows, which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday School Work.

Our Sunday school work in the United Synod is far from what it could and should be. It is not our purpose, however, to stress the weakness of our system or lack of system, but to point out a few tendencies deserving consideration.

Of these, perhaps, the most noticeable is the dissatisfaction of many teachers—some dissatisfied with their pupils; some dissatisfied with their work; others dissatisfied with themselves; some desiring to discontinue; others putting forth an effort to improve conditions. Of this we have heard much during the past biennium, and it has a real and deep significance.

The Sunday School Normal is growing in favor and in efficiency. It seeks to promote the school spirit, and insists on honest effort by both teacher and pupil.

During the past summer four Normals and one Institute were held with encouraging results. Leesville, S. C., Hickory, N. C., Toms Brook, Va., and Rural Retreat Va., are the places where Normals were held, and the Institute at Ebenezer, Ga. Each was in session three days except the Normal at Hickory, which moved up to four days.

The Normal is beginning real work—departmental class work—a teacher, a class and a lesson. Teacher-training, grading, music,

and missions are subjects receiving prominent attention, and are the lines along wihich the greatest progress is being made. The regret is that more pastors, teachers and officers do not attend. However, these few hundred annual attendants are doing much to better Sunday school conditions. Two of the most serious hindrances to effective Normal work are the lack of a suitable textbook on teacher-training and Sunday school management and the use of several series of Sunday school literature. A suggestion from this Synod might lead to greater uniformity.

In order that the Normals may be of the greatest help, we suggest to the committees having them in hand that they begin planning earlier. The teachers should be selected in the fall so they may have the winter to arrange and study their course. Those Normals do the most effective work that plan and publish their programs far in advance.

We suggest the continuance of a committee on Sunday school work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. McCULLOUGH,
GEO. H. COX,
C. K. BELL,
T. O. KEISTER,
W. H. RISER.

The Report of the Committee on Deaconess Work was received, and referred to the following Special Committee:

Revs. W. H. Greever, M. G. G. Scherer, J. H. Wannemacher, and Messrs. G. C. Hine and Jacob Umlauf.

The Committe on the Report of the Orphan Corporation submitted its report, which adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on the Report of the Orphan Home Corporation.

The report as submitted to us contains no recommendations, but we would present the following matters for your consideration:

1. We would express our gratitude to God for His blessing and favor upon our Orphan Home, and we would express our sincere appreciation of the diligence and faithfulness of the officers and members of the corporation, the superintendent of the Home, and the teachers and helpers in the institution in so conducting the affairs of the Home as to effectually serve the purpose for which the Home was founded and is maintained.

2. We would hereby record our grateful appreciation of the long years of faithful service rendered to this institution as mem-

bers of its official board by the late Rev. L. L. Smith, D.D., of Strasburg, Va., and the late J. P. Houtz, Esq., of Salem, Va.

3. We commend the Board for its wisdom in securing additional property so that ample room is provided for any other buildings which shall be needed.

4. We would call special attention to the unusual number of bequests made to the Home in recent years and would commend the Home to others as eminently worthy of their bequests.

5. Though the Home asks for no specific apportionment to be made for its maintenance the funds necessary for properly caring for so large a number of children must be provided and to this end we urge upon all our synods and congregations and Sunday schools to keep the institution of mercy continually in mind and to make liberal provision for all its needs.

6. We would place in nomination for membership in the corporation subject to election by the corporation itself the following persons:

Class of Those Whose Terms Expire in 1918:

A. M. Bowman ..... Salem, Va.
M. M. Kinard ..... Salisbury, N. C.
C. B. Strickler ..... Salem, Va.
E. A. Shenk ..... Winston-Salem, N. C.
H. D. Derrick ..... Roanoke, Va.

Class to Expire in 1919:

L. G. M. Miller ..... Columbia, S. C.
A. D. R. Hancher ..... Staunton, Va.
J. P. Gose ..... Burke's Garden, Va.
J. E. Shenk ..... Greensboro, N. C.
W. H. Roof ..... Bristol, Tenn. (R. F. D.)

To Fill the Vacancy in Class Terms Expiring in 1913:

H. D. Derrick ..... Roanoke, Va.

To Fill the Vacancy in Class Terms Expiring in 1914:

J. E. Shenk ..... Greensboro, N. C

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. K. HUNTON,
C. A. BROWN,
A. D. R. HANCHER,
J. M. RHODES,
CHAS. H. STIEGLITZ.

Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home.

Since your last convention in Richmond the Orphan Home has had two years of uninterrupted prosperity. It has grown steadily in efficiency and usefulness. We rejoice in the manifest blessings of God upon our work and the increasing interest and approval of those whom we seek to serve. The number of children has grown larger and the necessary expenses are greater, but with the need our resources have been enlarged. We have added to our equipment, and our debt has materially diminished. We employ no other agency than our little monthly *Messenger* to make known our wants. We make no special appeals. But whenever we have a real need the means come by which it is supplied. Our own Home can be added to the list of those that live through prayer and faith. Our convictions deepen with every year's experience that while we must have increasingly larger equipments we do not want an endowment for current expenses. When our people cease to be willing to take care of its orphan children by direct contributions it is time to close the doors of the Home. They must not be deprived of this means of keeping alive a living sympathy with the poor and of developing the power of love. Colleges and Theological Seminaries need endowments, eleemosynary institutions do not. Endowments kill congregations, and they would kill an orphanage. The Church that does not care for its widows and orphans has lost its pure and undefiled religion and has only a name to live but is dead. Two years ago at Richmond we reported ninety children in the Home. The average for the immediately preceding biennium was seventy-five. At the last annual meeting of the corporation we had one hundred and eight. There were forty-nine boys and fifty-nine girls. There were sixty-eight from Virginia, twenty-one from North Carolina, ten from West Virginia, four from South Carolina, three from Georgia, and two from Tennessee. The average number for this biennium was one hundred and four. Our capacity is about full. Once or twice we were compelled to decline to receive worthy applicants because we had no room. We have not been able as yet to utilize the fourth story of our building. The long flight of stairs, the limited power of the steam heating plant, the size of our dining room and some other things make it doubtful about our ever being able to put children on that floor. We need a separate building for the boys. The present arrangement has never been satisfactory. We must have soon more buildings. We have secured the ground admirably suited for them and we are projecting plans for their erection.

We have bought the whole block adjoining our Home property with the exception of five lots. That gives us two blocks lying between College Avenue and Indiana street. By closing a narrow street running between these blocks the two can be thrown together. This gives ample room for ground for whatever new buildings we may need for a good many years to come. If the growth of the town should make our present location undesirable our property will be very valuable and will enable us to secure a site and put up buildings elsewhere.

The real debt of the Home has been reduced to $1,300. We hold land bonds on the McClanahan property, which was sold for $1,500, as assets for an additional note for $1,000.

Since our report made at Richmond the bequests of Mr. J. M. Beutell of Winchester Va., of $753; of Mr. J. A. Efird, of Winston-Salem, N. C., of $500; of Mrs. S. Alexander of Columbia, S. C., of $100; of Miss Emma Huffard of Wytheville, Va., of $100; and of Mr. Jacob S. Lipe of China Grove, N. C., estimated at $800, have been paid. Capt J. C. Seegers, of Columbia, S. C., bequeathed the Home $5,000, and Mr. J. J. Lown of Lexington, S. C., $500. The policy of the Home is to use all bequests in permanent improvement, preferably buying land and erecting buildings. We have used the most of the money so far received in the purchase of the lots. When these have all been paid for we will devote all bequests to the building fund, unless specially directed otherwise by the testators.

The total cash expenditure for current expenses and repairs and improvements for the fiscal year ending June, 1911, was $6,488, a monthly average of $540; for the year ending June, 1912, was $7,338, a monthly average of $611. The increased number of children and of the cost of living will run up the monthly expenses for the incoming year to nearly $700. The Home is conducted as economically as possible with proper comfort to the children. Most of them have advantages and opportunities they would not have had if their parents had lived. In the conduct of the Home we try to remember that we must not surround them with luxuries that the most of them will not have when they go out into the world and be dissatisfied with their lot as long as they live. We want to fit them for the conditions into which their fortune has thrown them.

We have made some improvements in the Home building. As the law of Virginia requires and our feelings, especially after the sad disaster of the orphanage in Lynchburg, we put up two fire escapes at a cost of $250.

The officers of the corporation are L. A. Fox, President; A. M. Bowman, Vice President; R. W. Kime, Secretary; and I. V. Yonce, Treasurer. These are ex officio officers of the Board of Trustees and of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee has monthly meetings to audit all accounts and transact all business pertaining to the general oversight of the institution. J. T. Crabtree has proved himself an efficient officer and has been annually reelected superintendent. He has seven lady assistants. The nominees of the Synod for members of the corporation have been elected. Besides those vacancies caused by limitation classes 1913 and 1914 there are two from death: L. L. Smith in class 1913 and J. P. Houtz in class 1914. Both were very efficient and valuable members whose loss we deeply deplore. This is the list of members:

1913—F V. N. Painter, A. M. Bowman, M. M. Kinard, Bruffy Strickler, E. A. Shenk, W. H. Roof.

1914—L. G. M. Miller, A. D. R. Hancher, C. B. Miller, J. P. Gose, H. D. Derrick.

1915—H. S. Trout, R. W. Kime, H. F. Scheele, J. H. Wilson, Geo. S. Bowers.

1916—L. A. Fox, C. Markley, J. E. Cooper, J. W. Eberly, R. C. Holland.

1917—Ambrose L. Henkel, Paul Sieg, J. Frank Clemmer, J. H. Marsteller, Ivan V. Yonce.

L. A. FOX, President.

Prof. J. T. Crabtree, Superintendent of the Orphan Home, on invitation, addressed the Synod.

An invitation to the Synod to visit Fort McPherson was received with expressions of appreciation, but a press of business prevents an acceptance of the invitation.

Mr. J. M. Rhodes was excused from further attendance upon this convention of the Synod.

Synod adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m., tomorrow to continue its session until 1 p. m.

Benediction by the President of Synod.

At 8 p. m., Vesper service was conducted by Rev. T. W. Shealy.

An address on Orphan Home was made by Mr. E. L. Greever, and one on Inner Missions by Rev. C. K. Bell.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1912, 8:30 A. M.

Synod convened, and was opened with devotional services, led by Rev. W. L. Darr.

Roll was called, and minutes of yesterday's sessions read and approved.

On motion, the following Committee on Memoirs was appointed:

Committee on Memoirs.—Revs. L. A. Fox, Geo. H. Cox, L. G. M. Miller, and Messrs. Jno. F. Ficken and H. E. Dreeson.

The presence of Rev. D. H. Ogden, of the Central Presbyterian church, was recognized, and he was invited to a seat among us.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Home Missions presented its report, which was considered by items, and finally adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Home Missions.

If the appeal to sentiment is less in the Home Mission work than that of Foreign Missions it is all the stronger to duty. The field for the play of the imagination is not so wide; the demand of faith is greater. We are in danger of weeping bitterly over the little ragamuffin in the slums of a far away city while we let the boy just around the corner of the street live on a crust, grow up in ignorance and vice, and become a menace to the community. While the Master commanded to go into all the world, He did not mean that the people at home should be neglected. Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, was so enthusiastic about the salvation of the home people that he was willing to be "accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." That mother who would neglect her own children that she might take care of the children of strangers would be adjudged insane. What shall be said of Jerusalem, the mother of us all, if she exhaust her strength in the foreign field that she has nothing left for her needy sons and daughters near the old hearthstone? Sixty millions of our own citizens are outside of the Church, just like the heathen without Christ, without God and without hope in the world! What about them? Rationalism has destroyed faith in the Bible, faith in Christ as God manifest in the flesh, and a large majority of our religious people have no other religion than a vague, indefinite sen-

timent. Their condition is more hopeless than that of the heathen. Shall the very foundation of our country and our civilization slip away and we do nothing to avert it? Shall we, like a well known denomination, win glory by our foreign work while the home congregations remain in the same little localities where they were planted more than a century ago and thus doom ourselves to extinction? Has the Lutheran Church no mission to our own land? If our people have heard the Gospel and neglected it are we excused from beseeching them to be reconciled to God? If God had treated us in that way what would have become of every one of us? If our Lutheran Church has done nothing more for our home missions than is recorded in this report of the Board we ought to be filled with grief and shame. But our District Synods have each its own missions and only a small part of the work done has found a place in this report. The call is growing louder and the opportunities greater and in answer to the demands of duty we must plan for larger things. We must get tall enough, every one of us, to look over the fence that surrounds our own little field and correlate our immediate personal spheres with those of other laborers in the Lord's great plantation.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends:

1. That $25,000 annually be apportioned among the District Synods for the Home Missions under the control of the United Synod's Home Mission Board, namely, $12,500 for the support of missions and $12,500 for Church Extension, and that these be accepted as the amounts our District Synods shall be expected to provide for the operation of the Home Mission propaganda for the ensuing year and that the Home Mission Board shall be authorized to increase these amounts and to notify the authorities of the District Synods during the next biennium as the needs require.

2. That the Mission Board appoint a committee from its own members for establishing a perpetual Church Extension loan fund of $50,000, the Board devising plans and regulating the work of this committee.

3. That the Board as soon as practicable elect a Field Secretary who is to have charge under the Board of superintending the missions, the location of new missions, writing congregations in the interest of Home Mission work and giving such assistance to pastors in raising money as the pastors may desire or approve.

4. That we approve the idea of the unification of all our Home Missions, the discontinuance of the home mission work of the District Synods, and the concentration of the management of our missions in the hands of the United Synod's Home Mission Board.

We have, however, as yet no satisfactory plan and there would be considerable difficulty in the transfer. Some of these difficulties can be removed by the judicious work of the Field Secretary and the way be opened for such unification in the not distant future. We must leave the matter for the present to the Board, but recommend that a committee be appointed to draft a plan and report to our next convention.

5. That the Board do not consider applications for aid unless they are approved by the Synod or the Executive Committee of the Synod in whose bounds the mission points are located, unless those points be so far removed from the working fields of the Synod that its character and needs are not known to the officers of Synod.

6. That the fiscal year end October 1, and this time be fixed as the closing date of our biennium.

7. That Portsmouth, Va., and Raleigh, N. C., at the request of the synods which are supporting them, be commended to the special consideration of the Board.

8. That we earnestly request our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies to divide equally, as their early constitutions required, all their moneys for missions, between our Home and Foreign Missionary work; and that with the same earnestness we ask the Lutheran Laymen's Movement to give equal stress and emphasis to the need of missions in the home and foreign fields.

9. That we heartily desire Lutheran comity in Home Missions and that we advise our Board to cooperate in promoting it under such conditions and plans as our Committee on Cooperation may prescribe or approve.

10. That we call the attention of the Statistical Secretary to this request of the Board for a revision of our statistical reports.

11. That the number of the board be increased to seven members and the following members appointed: Revs. R. L. Patterson, V. Y. Boozer, C. K. Bell, John Hall, M. M. Kinard, Judge B. B. Miller and Dr. C. L. Kibler.

12. That we approve the work of the Board during the biennium and commend the earnestness and zeal with which they prosecuted it in view of the conditions under which they took it up.

L. A. FOX,
J. J. SCHERER, JR.,
JAS. D. KINARD,
AMBROSE L. HENKEL.

Item 10 of this report was referred to our Statistical Secretary.

Richmond Mission.

The following was adopted and referred to the Board of Home Missions:

Whereas, We recognize the importance of placing the Richmond work on a safe footing; and

Whereas, At the last meeting of the United Synod the following recommendation was adopted: "We recommend that the United Synod commend this worthy cause (Richmond congregation) to the favorable consideration of our District Synods, congregations and individuals"; and

Whereas, For various reasons it has been impossible during the last biennium for the Richmond congregation to bring this work to the attention of our people; be it

Resolved, That we again commend the cause of the Richmond congregation to the favorable consideration of our Church in the South.

The Committee to Nominate Fraternal Delegates reported. Report adopted:

Report of Committee to Nominate Fraternal Delegates.

Your Committee to Nominate Official Visitors to other general bodies suggests the following:

To the General Council—Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., principal; Rev. R. L. Fritz, alternate.

To the General Synod—Rev. J. H. Harms, D.D., principal; Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., alternate.

Respectfully.

E. J. SOX,
THEO. C. PARKER,
P. E. MONROE,
E. F. IRICK.

Nominees were elected.

Committee on Theological Seminary submitted its report. Item 9 of the report was adopted, electing Board of Directors of the Seminary, and further consideration deferred until the afternoon session today.

Synod adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

Benediction by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer.

SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1912, 2:30 P. M.

Synod met, and was opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. Geo. S. Bowers.

Consideration of the Report on Theological Seminary was resumed. The report was finally adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Theological Seminary.

We, your Committee on Theological Seminary, beg leave to submit the following:

We have had placed within our hands the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and the Report of the Joint Commission appointed by this Synod to locate the Seminary.

The report of the Board of Directors tells us of the present conditions of the Seminary, its needs and its difficulties, as also of its very encouraging prospects, all of which demands careful consideration.

The report of the Joint Commission brings to the Synod the official information of the completion of the Seminary building and the financial condition of the treasury.

1. We recommend that the Synod express its gratifictaion at the work that has been accomplished, and extend hearty thanks to the Board, the Commission, the Central Committee of the same, the Building Committee and the Financial Secretary, who together have worked so faithfully, untiringly and successfully in the prosecution of the work assigned them.

2. We recommend that the Joint Commission be dissolved and discharged, and that the duty of the further prosecution of the work devolve upon the Board of Directors, and that the Joint Commission be requested to place into the hands of the President of the Board of Directors all assets, subscriptions, etc., that properly belong to the Seminary.

3. We recommend that the Board be authorized and instructed to employ a third professor and that this Synod apportion among the District Synods the sum of $2,500 annually for the support of the faculty.

4. We recommend that the Board be authorized to erect two dwellings for the use of the faculty, the same to be erected upon the lot or lots separate from that upon which the Seminary building stands, each to cost approximately $5,000, and the funds for the same to be secured as hereinafter provided for.

5. We recommend that the Board continue the canvass of the churches for the necessary funds with which to supply the deficit in the building fund of the Seminary and for the erection of the professors' houses.

6. We recommend that, if necessary, the Board be authorized to borrow a sufficient sum to erect the professors' houses, securing the loan by a mortgage upon the same, independent and apart from the Seminary building and the lot upon which it stands.

7. We recommend that Board of Directors be instructed to provide the necessary funds to take care of the maturing obligations on the Seminary Building, if possible, without mortgaging the property; but if necessary, that the Board be, and is hereby authorized to mortgage the Seminary property for a sum not exceeding $16,000.

8. We recommend that the Synod gratefully acknowledge the bequest to the Seminary of $1,000, by Mr. J. J. Lown and $5,000 to the endowment by the Hon. John C. Seegers.

9. We recommend the following to constitute the Board of Directors for the next biennium: R. C. Holland, D.D., M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., W. A. Deaton, D.D., M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., J. H. Wilson, D.D., C. A. Freed, D.D., V. Y. Boozer, and J. F. Ficken, Esq., C. M. Efird, Esq., Geo. B. Cromer, LL.D., J. A. Meetze, J. D. Cappelmann, Esq., J. E. Cooper, A. H. Kohn.

10. We recommend that the report of the Joint Commission and its Treasurer, and that of the Board of Directors be printed in the minutes.

GEO. H. COX,
W. H. GREEVER,
JACOB UMLAUF,
R. L. FRITZ,
H. L. BONHAM.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary chosen at the last convention of the United Synod organized on the 10th of September, 1910, and elected the following named members as its officers: Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., President; Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., Vice President; John F. Ficken, Secretary; C. M. Efird, Treasurer.

The attendance of students at the Seminary during the session of 1910-1911 was as follows:

There were sixteen regular students, five in the Senior class, three in the Middle class, and eight in the Junior class. According to synodical representation they were distributed as follows: From the Virginia Synod, one; from the Tennessee Synod, 6; from the North Carolina Synod, 6; from the South Carolina Synod, 2; and from the Georgia Synod, 1. The entire Senior class received certificates of graduation at the close of the session. The graduates were: Arthur W. Ballentine, Bergman S. Dasher, William E. Pugh, John Lewis Smith and J. Samuel Wessinger.

The regular professors were ably assisted during the session by the gratuitous services of Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D.; Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., and Rev. W. A. C. Mueller, D.D.

The attendance of students at the Seminary during the year 1911-1912 was the largest in its history. There were nineteen regular students during the session—four in the Senior class, eight in the Middle class and seven in the Junior class. Their classification by Synods is as follows: From the North Carolina Synod, 8; from the Tennessee Synod, 6; from the South Carolina Synod, 2; from the Virginia Synod, 2; from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, 1. The entire Senior class received certificates of graduation at the close of the session. The graduates were: William H. Davidson, W. Darr Haltiwanger, Charles W. Hepner, and Moses L. Kester.

The regular professors were ably assisted during the session, which was conducted in the new building near Columbia, S. C., by the gratuitous services of Rev. Dr. W. H. Greever and Rev. Dr. C. E. Weltner.

The new Seminary building erected on our property near Columbia, S. C., was completed during the summer of the year 1911, and the exercises of the institution were opened therein on the 4th day of October, 1911. A formal opening took place on Seminary Day, October 11, 1911, which was numerously attended by many friends and well wishers. The Seminary building is most attractive in appearance and complete in its appointments. A great and most difficult work has been successfully accomplished, and we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the blessings vouchsafed unto us.

To be thoroughly equipped for the necessary and very important work which our Seminary must do, we need a larger endowment. A third regular professor is greatly needed, and we trust that at this convention of the United Synod, steps will be taken to supply the means for his support. In this connection we beg to bring to the attention of the United Synod, the following request which was

unanimously adopted by the Directors of the Seminary at their meeting held November 13, 1912:

"Resolved, That the United Synod be earnestly requested to appropriate two thousand five hundred ($2,500) dollars, annually for the support of the Theological Seminary, this amount to be apportioned among and paid by the several synods composing the United Synod."

We beg to report that all of the Seminary property which was situate in Mount Pleasant, S. C., has been sold.

Bernheim Hall was sold on July 13, 1911, to Mrs. Laura E. Hamlin for the price of thirty-two hundred dollars. Two thousand dollars of this amount was owing to Mrs. G. D. Bernheim, on a bond held by her which she donated to the Board of Missions and Church Extension, to whom the amount was paid, and the balance of the net proceeds, being one thousand and eighty-eight dollars, was paid to the Treasurer of the United Synod and by him paid over to the Joint Commission, who were charged with the duty of relocating the Seminary.

The Seminary building was sold on May 23, 1912, to Mr. Isadore Blank for the price of forty-nine hundred and twenty-five dollars. The net proceeds of this sale, being forty-seven hundred and eighty 53-100 dollars, were paid over to the Treasurer of the United Synod and by him paid over to the said Joint Commission.

The Seminary has been again remembered by devoted friends. We have been informed that our deceased brother, the late Mr. J. J. Lown, has bequeathed to the Seminary the sum of one thousand dollars. Also that the Hon. John C. Seegers, a life long supporter of the institution, has bequeathed for the endowment fund the sum of five thousand dollars, with instruction to pay interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on that sum from the day of his death until the legacy shall be paid. These legacies are most timely, as our needs are great. They evidence the loyalty and devotion of these noble spirits to the important work of educating our ministry.

We submit for your consideration the following summary of the last annual account of the Hon. C. M. Efird, the Treasurer of this Board, viz:

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

(Corpus).

1911.		Dr.	
April 29.	To amount reported	$37,305	62
July 28.	To cash from J. M. Kinser	6	00

Aug. 6.	To cash from J. M. Kinser	4 00
		$37,315 62

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April 27.	By amount of securities held	35,669 37
	Balance .....$	1,646 25
April 27.	Less interest account overdrawn	140 37
	Cash on hand .....$	1,505 88

INTEREST AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

1911. Dr.

April 29.	To balance on hand .....$	202 52
	To cash received during the year ending April 27, 1912	3,752 46
	Amount overdrawn	140 37
		$ 4,095 35

Cr.

By cash paid during the year to professors for salaries, to Dean for incidental expenses, for insurance premiums, and for traveling expenses of Directors.....$ 4,095 35

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. SCHERER, President.

Report of the Joint Commission Charged With the Duty of Relocating the Theological Seminary.

The Joint Commission created by the United Synod under a resolution adopted on the 8th day of October, 1908, and composed of the Directors of the Theological Seminary and a Special Committee chosen by the Synod respectfully report:

That since the adjournment of the twelfth convention of the United Synod, which was held in Richmond, Va., during the month of September, 1910, the Joint Commission has held only one meeting, which was on the 23rd of May, 1911. There was no occasion for any other meeting. The new location of the Thelogical Seminary near Columbia, S. C., had been definitely fixed, the plans of the new building had been agreed upon and the contract for the construction of the building had been let under authority of the Joint Commission. It was determined to erect but one building, to be known as the Administration Building, sufficiently large to

furnish a dormitory for the students, a commodious chapel, and a roomy library.

The contract for the construction of this building was let on the 18th day of November, 1910, to the Wise Granite Company, to be completed for occupancy according to the plans, without equipment, for the sum of $40,157, under the supervision of the architect, Mr. Charles M. Robinson, of Richmond, Va., who had designed the building and prepared the plans and specifications. The building was completed on the 10th day of July, 1911, and the session of the Seminary commencing on the 4th day of October, 1911, was held in the new building, which was dedicated on the 11th day of October, 1911, the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., President of the Board of Directors, officiating.

The architect's fee, the cost of plumbing, wiring, heating, etc., amounted to the sum of $9,244.90, making the total cost of the equipped building, $49,401.90.

Owing to the lack of funds it was found impossible to undertake the erection of the professors' dwelling houses at this time.

The Rev. Dr. M. O. J. Kreps was chosen to canvass the several churches of the United Synod for contributions to the building fund, and he succeeded in obtaining subscriptions amounting to $25,739.17, of which the sum of $16,374.05 has been collected. The subscriptions made, however, are not sufficient to meet the cost of constructing the administration building and the deficit amounts to $3,138.80, for which the United Synod should provide. Dr. Kreps' account is annexed to this report as an exhibit.

The duly audited account of Dr. C. L. Kibler, the Treasurer of the Joint Commission, is also hereto annexed as an exhibit.

The need for two professors' residences at our Seminary is a paramount consideration, and we urge upon Synod prompt action in this matter. We earnestly recommend that some immediate provision to meet this want be made.

In order to raise funds required to pay the balance due on the cost of the construction and equipment of our new Seminary building we earnestly recommend that the canvass for further subscriptions to the building fund be continued and vigorously prosecuted.

As the work of the Joint Commission was primarily to make a selection of the new location of the Seminary and as the Seminary building has been completed, we respectfully request that the Joint Commission be dissolved and discharged. The duty of collecting unpaid subscriptions can easily be discharged by the Board of Di-

rectors and the additional expenses of the commission thus avoided.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WILSON, President.

October 13, 1912.

Report of Financial Secretary.

Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., Chairman Central Committee:

I beg to submit a report of my canvass in the interest of the building fund of the Theological Seminary as follows:

Cash received	$ 7,477 95
Subscriptions (deferred payments)	18,261 22
Total	$25,739 17

I beg to call your attention to the fact, as you know, that I had to collect nearly all of the amount that has been collected from the Chamber of Commerce subscribers in Columbia, which required no little of my time.

Respectfully,

M. O. J. KREPS, Financial Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of Joint Commission.

Dr. C. L. Kibler, in Account With Seminary Commission of the United Synod, From September 20, 1910, to November 4, 1912.

Construction Cost and General Expenses.

Seminary Building cost:		
Contractor	$40,401 90	
Architect	2,242 60	
Plumbing and heating	4,845 95	
Wiring	737 80	
Water system	857 18	
Boring well	296 50	
Survey	5 00	
Total cost		$49,386 93

Organization and General Expenses.

Salary and house rent	$ 3,245 00
Insurance	780 40
Traveling expenses	239 05
Office expenses	520 12

Interest and discount	2,042 76	
Total cost		6,827 33
		$56,214 26

LIABILITIES.

Notes payable:		
Union National Bank	$ 2,000 00	
Bank of Columbia	1,000 00	
Columbia Savings Bank and Trust Co.	3,500 00	
Mrs. Kate Hendrix	2,000 00	
Mrs. M. S. Habenicht	4,000 00	
Palmetto National Bank	5,000 00	
H. B. Wilson	200 00	
Accounts payable:		
Total notes		17,700 00
C. M. Robinson, architect	192 50	
Jno. A. Cathcart, insurance	45 00	
Total accounts		237 60
Total Liabilities		$17,937 60
Less cash on hand Nov. 4, 1912		1,508 10
Net lialibities		16,429 50
Receipts to Building Fund:		
Sale of Mt. Pleasant property	$ 5,868 58	
Canvass of agent	16,374 05	
Other sources	3,717 71	
Chamber of Commerce	13,824 42	
Total		39,784 76
		$56,214 26

ASSETS.

From pledges by agent	$9,365 12	
From pledges by Chamber of Commerce	3,925 58	
Total		$13,290 70

Unprovided for		3,188 80
Net liabilities		$16,429 50

Receipts since November 4, 1912, to November 11, 1912.

Bonds by agent	$ 115 00	
Chamber of Commerce	147 16	
		$ 262 16

(Banked November 11, 1912.)

Committee on President's Report submitted the following which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on Report of President.

The President's report evinces the deep interest with which he has watched the growing forces and activities of the United Synod during the two years of his incumbency.

Properly, at the outset, he calls attention to the favor of Almighty God under whose fostering presence we have advanced. Let all glory and honor be ascribed unto Him who leadeth us, and without whose leading all our plans and efforts are vain. We are also invited to lift up our eyes and look upon the fields white unto the harvest in opportunity for the reaping of our Southern Lutheran Zion. The vision is fair and should challenge our most conscientious determination and endeavor. What the harvest shall be depends upon us rather than upon God, for God is willing and ready to do His part according to His faithful word, but are we willing and ready to do our part according to our given ability?

Wisely does the report call to our attention the fact that our labors in the past have not been faultless. That we have made mistakes goes without saying, but by these let us not be discouraged. The rather, let us bravely face them, and of them make stepping stones to rise to higher attainments in the service of our Master. And that this may be our purpose, the report seeks, in part at least, to lead the way by such suggestions as will bring into existence a scheme whereby our financial policies may be more scientifically originated and projected, and thus all the agencies of the Church be cared for in the order of their importance and urgency.

For the realization of said scheme among us, a series of recommendations is offered. In the belief that these recommendations are well conceived and timely, we recommend them to the Synod for adoption in the order of their numbering in the report. (See President's report.)

In addition to the recommendations referred to, the report presents a number of conclusions arrived at by the President during his term of office. These are numbered 1, 2 and 3, and respecting them the following action is recommended: *First,* that conclusion (1) be referred to the District Synods composing this body for their prayerful consideration and accordant action.

Second, that conclusion (2) receive the Synod's most hearty endorsement.

Third, that conclusion (3) be coincided with by this body.

Believing that these conclusions are the mature fruit of serious thought upon the problems of our highest present and future development along safe and conservative lines, we, your committee, possessed of but one desire, and that, that our United Synod may come as speedily as possible into the just and efficient heritage of its forces and usefulness, recommend that at this meeting of Synod a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to propose to this body two years hence, a plan for the creation of a committee to be known as the Executive Committee of the United Synod and whose further duty it shall be to propose the organization, powers and functions of such committee and suggest rules for its guidance.

With reference to the matter of fraternal cooperation with other Lutheran bodies, we recommend, That the two committees, the Committee on Common Book of Worship and the Committee on Common Sunday School Literature, with the President of the United Synod as chairman, be constituted the Committee on Fraternal Cooperation.

(See President's report.)

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. BOWERS,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
E. L. GREEVER,
J. E. SHENK,
H. E. DREESON.

It was then

Resolved, That the Committee on Cooperation, named in Report on President's Report, be charged with the consideration of matters of the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation, in pursuance of the proposition made to this body by the General Council of the Lutheran Church in the United States of America.

The consideration of the resolutions on the "New Financial Plan" was resumed. Pending the discussion, the Synod adjourned.

Benediction by the President of Synod.

At 8 p. m., Vesper services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Riser. Addresses were made by Prof. Geo. F. McAllister on Our Publication Interests, and on Theological Seminary by Rev. C. A. Freed.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1912, 9 A. M.

Synod met, and devotional services were led by Rev. Geo. H. Cox.

Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The following committee was appointed on the proposed "Executive Committee:"

Revs. A. G. Voigt, M. G. G. Scherer, W. A. Deaton, Dr. Geo. B. Cromer,, and E. L. Greever, Esq.

Rev. W. H. Riser was recognized as in the place of Rev. C. A. Brown on the delegation of the North Carolina Synod.

Mr. Ambrose L. Henkel was excused from further attendance upon this session of Synod.

The consideration of the paper on the "New Financial Plan" was resumed, amended and adopted:

Whereas, The expansion of our work both at home and abroad calls for constantly increasing contributions; and

Whereas, For lack of a good financial system we have failed to enlist at least one-half of our people; and

Whereas, It has been repeatedly and amply demonstrated that through the New Financial Plan of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, not simply larger contributions are secured, but in many instances the entire membership are enlisted as systematic givers, and in all cases the number of regular contributors is largely increased; therefore, be it

1. *Resolved,* That the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, with the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, be requested to formulate a Financial Plan for the use of our congregations.

2. *Resolved,* That we approve the plan of the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement to hold a second General Convention early in 1914, and pledge our hearty cooperation and support.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions again presented its report, which was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions would respectfully present the following:

1. We find among the documents filed for our consideration:

(a) A communication from the President of the North Carolina Synod, wherein is a request that the United Synod take full charge of the mission in Raleigh, which is now a mission supported entirely by the Synod of North Carolina.

(b) Also a communication from a committee of the Synod of Georgia and Adjacent States, presenting the action of that Synod relative to consolidation of our Home Mission work, coupled with a request that the United Synod adopt a plan to unify all home mission operations of the various synods, said Georgia Synod connecting this request with a formal tender of its established missions.

(c) Also a communication from the President of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, submitting for consideration a tentative "Basis for Unification of Home Missions."

(d) Also a communication from a committee of the Synod of Mississippi conveying the action of that Synod relative to a partial support by the United Synod of a missionary to help Synod to do the work which needs to be done within its bounds.

Inasmuch as these several communications above named come within the special purview of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, we recommend that they be referred to said committee.

2. On behalf of the Lowman Home, located near White Rock, S. C., a paper has been filed by a committee of the South Carolina Synod, appointed to confer with a similar committee to be appointed by the United Synod. The paper read as follows:

OVERTURE FROM SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD CONCERNING LOWMAN HOME.

We, the committee appointed by the South Carolina Synod to confer with a similar committee appointed by the United Synod, submit the following:

The South Carolina Synod at its last convention appointed a strong Board for the Lowman Home, and gave the management of the institution its hearty endorsement by commending its support to all the congregations of the Synod and to the public in general.

It authorized the Board to raise $10,000 for the enlargement of the Home, so it can meet the demand for caring for the aged and helpless throughout the bounds of our Southern Church.

The mangament of the Home asks the United Synod at this convention to give the institution its moral support and commend it to all of our people of the United Synod and all other persons who may desire to contribute to this kind of institutional work.

Also, it is the desire of the South Carolina Synod, that whenever the United Synod shall deem it proper to receive this institution under its fostering care and management, the property will be conveyed to the United Synod.

The property of this institution consists of about 1,000 acres of land, located near White Rock, South Carolina, together with some property in the villages of Chapin and White Rock, all of which is estimated to be worth $22.000. Also the donor along with the conveyance of the real estate, gives cash to the amount of $2,800.

The village property and cash were given as a foundation for the establishment of a deaconess home. The Board has the right to use this fund by paying interest on all the cash donated and on the proceeds of the note of the village property to Mrs. Lowman during her natural life at the rate of 6 per cent interest.

During the last year the Home has made improvements on the property amounting to $3,600, and has incurred an indebtedness to the amount of $3,000. The Home has now on hand in live stock, farm implements and provisions, altogether worth $1,250.

The 1,000 acres of land is entailed for thirty-three years from date of the deed of conveyance to the South Carolina Synod. After the expiration of that time the property can be disposed of as the Synod shall deem proper. The village property can be sold at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. J. Kreps,
A. H. Kohn.

Your Committee recommends that this paper be printed in minutes and commended to sympathetic attention of all our people, and that the United Synod appoint a committee of three to confer with the committee of the South Carolina Synod relative to the subject presented in the foregoing paper, and to report to next convention of this body.

3. There is before us a cordial invitation to this body to hold its next convention in Columbia, S. C., "as guest jointly of

Ebenezer and St. Paul's congregations, with the other congregations and institutions cooperating.

We submit this petition for action by the United Synod.

4. Mr. D. F. Efird, delegate-elect from the Tennessee Synod and a member of the Lutheran Board of Publication, expresses regret at his inability to attend the convention. Likewise Mr. C. W. Polvogt, delegate-elect from the North Carolina Synod, by telegram expresses regret at not being able to be present, and sends fraternal greetings. We recommend that these brethren be excused.

5. We have on file a courteous letter from a commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, with regard to a World Conference to be held in 1913, for the "Consideration of Questions Touching Faith and Order," asking us to unite with them in arranging for and conducting such conference. We can not but rejoice in the spirit which prompts this movement toward a truer unity among Christians "confessing our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour," and trust that we, as a Lutheran body are sincerely in accord with the prayer of our Saviour, "That they all may be one," and are willing to lay aside all self-will, and be bound by the Word of God only; nevertheless we deem it best to defer official action in the premises, not in the spirit, however, of separatism, but in brotherly love and good will to all who confess Jesus Christ as God and Saviour.

6. We have also a communication from the National Reform Association, which has for its object the revival and diffusion of national religion. We are invited to send representatives to the second World's Christian Citizen Conference to be held in Portland, Oregon, June 29, 1913. While we are necessarily interested in all great world-wide movements which are promotive of civic righteousness, we can not at this time accede to this kindly request, but authorize our President to make courteous acknowledgement of the same, with assurance of our sympathy with all legitimate movements having for their object the elevation of the moral tone of our body politic.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. HOLLAND,
R. L. PATTERSON,
T. W. SHEALY,
W. H. ROOF,
A. H. KOHN,
C. E. BOGER,
J. S. ETTER.

Under this action, the invitation of St. Paul's and Ebenezer congregations jointly, with other Lutheran congregations of the city cooperating, to hold our next convention in Columbia, S. C., was accepted.

The Lowman Home Conference committee, asked for by a committee of the South Carolina Synod, was appointed as follows: Revs. Geo. H. Cox, Chas. K. Hunton, and Mr. J. E. Cooper.

The following response to an appeal from the Mississippi Synod was adopted:

Whereas, the Synod of Mississippi has appealed to this body for aid in the support of a missionary to be located at Goodman, and from that point to cultivate contiguous points, and otherwise add strength to the working forces of the synod, therefore:

Resolved, That this body does hereby acknowledge the reception of this appeal and put on record its declaration of sympathetic consideration in behalf of the interests of their member of our United Synod, and its claims upon our help in view of its isolation and struggle for preservation as a Lutheran organization, and its need of assistance in carrying on the work which claims its fostering care.

Resolved, That this appeal be placed in the hands of our Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and commended to their favorable consideration at an early a date as possible.

The Committee to Nominate a Board of Education reported as follows, and the nominees were elected:

Report of Committee to Nominate a Board of Education.

We submit the names of the following persons to constitute the Board of Education for the ensuing biennium: Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, Revs. J. H. Wannemacher, C. P. MacLaughlin, A. D. R. Hancher, C. F. W. Hoppe.

W. P. CLINE,
J. J. SCHERER, JR.,
G. F. McALLISTER.

The Committee on Finance reported, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Finance.

1. The regular annual apportionment of one-half cent per member of the District Synods will be adequate for current expenses of this biennium.

2. The payment by the District Synods of the balance of special apportionment (Min. 1910, p. 87) will liquidate the debt there mentioned.

3. It is requested that the Secretary and Treasurer of this Synod continue to bring this matter to the attention of the District Synods concerned, and notify all the District Synods of regular annual apportionment of one-half cent per member.

C. A. FREED,
E. L. RITCHIE,
B. L. UMBERGER,
J. P. WISE.

(Standing Committee on Finance—Revs. C. A. Freed, J. H. Wilson, Ed. L. Ritchie, W. L. Darr; Messrs. B. L. Umberger, P. C. Price, J. P. Wise, F. R. Epting.)

The Report of Committee on District Synods was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on District Synods.

Your committee, from the minutes of the Synods, and from other information received, has gleaned some facts which are presented in the following: The pastors, godly men as they are, have been faithful in preaching the Gospel of the blessed Master, in watching their flocks, and in guiding them in the way of all truth, and the Lord has given abundant evidence of His faithfulness to His promises and of the sufficiency of His grace.

Many indications reveal the fact that our faithful pastors preach to a no less faithful people—a people who love the house of God and the precious means of grace.

If advancement along many lines of Christian work is any sign of spiritual life and growth on the part of our people, we have great reason to thank God and take courage.

As we note the increased interest in benevolence, the regular and special gifts of many of our people, the large number of contributors to the Japan school, the Theological Seminary and Orphan Home; the growing interest in the cause of Sunday schools, the normals, teacher-training classes, mission study classes, and new Sunday school buildings and rooms with their modern equipment; the growing interest in missions among the laymen, women, young people and children, and the loyalty on the part of our congregations to all the causes of their own Synods and the United Synod, we are encouraged to hope for much and to expect larger and better results in the years that are before us.

The large enrollment of students in many of our institutions of learning, the large increase in the endowment of our colleges, the new and handsome buildings recently erected by others, and the establishing of new colleges and seminaries for our young women, indicate the very high degree of interest our people are taking in Christian and higher education.

While we are gratified to note that catechising has been carefully attended to in many of the congregations in nearly all of the Synods, yet it is to be deplored that in many of the churches of the Synods this important work has been sadly neglected. But, perhaps, the very fact that this is deplored should give us hope and encouragement.

It is encouraging that many of our people in our territory are earnest and regular readers of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and that many of the homes are supplied with good Christian literature.

We believe from what God has wrought we are growing, and have abundant reasons to expect larger things and brighter days.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. J. KREPS,
J. L. MORGAN,
G. H. RHODES,
W. E. BIBLE,
S. T. SHANK.

It was

Resolved, That as part remuneration for the arduous and responsible duties of the Secretary, the Treasurer be directed to pay him the sum of $50 for the biennium.

The following Committee on Common Sunday School Literature was appointed: Revs. W. H. Greever, H. A. McCullough, and C. F. W. Hoppe.

The following was adopted:

Teacher Training Course.

We, your Committee appointed to arrange a Teacher-training Course for our Sunday school workers, and to prepare or select and recommend suitable text books, beg leave to report:

That we have done some of the work entrusted to us. The chairman of the committee accepted work outside the bounds of the United Synod before this report was prepared. Our work has not been pursued to such definite end as to produce concrete re-

sults. We have not found it possible to complete the work with the material at hand nor to outline a course of study which would meet the needs of our people. We deem a comprehensive, but brief course or text-book, dealing with the fundamentals of Bible school work, viz: the school, the teacher the pupil, the book, which may be completed by classes of teachers in one year's work, to be a need not yet satisfactorily supplied. Some denominational and interdenominational books, e. g., "The Legion of Honor" and "Training the Teacher," the first standard course of the International Sunday School Association, are prepared on a satisfactory plan, but are not written from a Lutheran standpoint. Many of our pastors and Sunday school workers have expressed a desire for a book from a Lutheran source, prepared on a similar plan.

We recommend that the United Synod make provision looking toward the production of such a book.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. CRONK,
JOHN HALL.

Under this action the following committee was appointed: Revs. E. C. Cronk, J. H. Harms, John Hall and H. A. McCullough.

The time and place of next convention were fixed as follows:

Place—Columbia, S. C., with Lutheran congregations.

Time—Tuesday, at 10 a. m., after the second Sunday in November, 1914.

The report of Committee on Church Ltierature was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Church Literature.

The dissemination of a distinctive character of religious intelligence, which can not bear a more comprchensive title than that of Church Literature, has always been characteristic of the Lutheran Cnurch. It was Dr. Luther himself who brought to his aid the mighty power of the press in buildng the fires of the Reformaton. Indeed it was Luther who gave the German invention of the art of printing something to do in his day and started it on its paramount mission in the production and circulation of

that form of literature which sets forth the principles of our holy religion and the doctrines of the Church which swept away the tide of error and superstition and established the Word of God firmly in the hearts of millions of souls.

The progress in material things in the twentieth century demands even greater activity in the circulation of standard and current Church literature than perhaps in any other age. The reason for such increased activity in this respect is manifest to every one who has even the least contact with the great number of books and periodicals, which are produced almost hourly by the press of today, and it behooves the Church to rally its forces and put forth every means within its power to stem the tide of error and infidelity which finds surreptitious access into many Christian homes in the form of the printed page.

We note with pride the continued growth of our own publication interests and the provision that has been made for its further work in the matter of a plant. Your committee is disposed to consider the dedication of the Publication building in Columbia, S. C., on November 10, 1912, and the meeting of our different Lutheran editors there a most notable event in our Church life. We look for great results from it in the form of more efficient service in their respective Church papers, and especially should it so result in our own territory on account of the great interest which the dedicatory services created among our people and the large attendance and undivided attention manifested in the addresses which were delivered on that occasion.

We find that in reviewing the work of our own Lutheran Board of Publication in the last biennium, that it has sent out two books: *The Sacramental Feast*, by Dr. C. Armand Miller, *What is Good for Man*, by Rev. S. P. Koon. Also the Publication Board issued a special edition of *"Missionary Heroes of the Lutheran Church,"* bearing its imprint.

The Hymnal for the Sunday School has had a wide circulation, and is still meeting with success. This book, we believe, will go a long way towards preparing the way for the Common Service with Music, which we hope will follow soon. A second edition of this Hymnal has been necessary.

The committee notes with interest that the several general bodies of our Church are working together along the line of the preparation of uniform Sunday school litrature, so much desired and so greatly needed in our distinctive work as a Church in America.

It is a matter of historic interest and commendable pride that the Common Service originated with the Southern Church, and in

this connection we note with a similar degree of pride that a bond of union in the use of common missionary literature of a very superior character has been made possible by the consecrated efforts of the noble band of women in our Southern Church who in this respect seem to follow in the footsteps of the fathers.

During the last biennium, the "Missionary Programs," together with the "Program Helps," published by the General Literature Committee of the Woman's General Conference, have been received with even greater favor than the former series. They have been adopted, used and praised by the General Council—every congregation in the Synod of Canada using them. The Augustana Synod has translated them for the use of its Swedish congregations. Also permission has been asked to translate them for use in the United Norwegian Synod, these two bodies together comprising half a million communicants. A Cooperative Literature Committee has been constituted in conjunction with the General Synod and the General Council and some literature has already been issued.

One of the most notable contributions to our current Church literature made by the Missionary Conference is the "Lutheran Facts" series, now in the press and to be issued yearly, giving timely and much needed information concerning Lutheran conditions and progress. Some idea of the extent of this committee's work can be had from the fact that during the last biennium there has been published 168,000 pieces of literature. There are in press now, besides these, another edition of 164,000 pieces.

We learn with gratification that many of our Sunday schools are beginning to see in *Tidings* a help as indispensable as the regular literature itself. But the circulation of this paper is not as wide as it should be and we wish to commend it to pastors, Sunday school superintendents and missionary workers.

The United Synod has in the *Lutheran Church Visitor* a Church paper which should attract and command our fullest support and interest by the ability displayed in its editorial management and its aggressive work for the advancement of all the causes of the Church. This paper should find its way into every home within the bounds of the United Synod. With this end in view, the "Every Home" canvass, which has been inaugurated by the general manager of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, should receive at once the hearty cooperation of every pastor and church council in the United Synod. It has been brought to the attention of your committee that in the progress of the campaign, instances occur in certain and more remote sections that some congregations

have not the financial ability to put the plan into effect, and we are informed authoritatively that at the present time such congregations could at once place the *Church Visitor* into every home of its members if the fund which has been already secured for such purposes could be supplemented by a small amount.

We recommend, therefore, that the importance of the consideration of the "Every Home" circulation plan of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* be commended to all of our churches and that the manager of the Lutheran Board of Publication be requested to communicate this action to every church council in the United Synod through their pastors at the earliest possible date.

Second, that the "Every Home" circulation of *Tidings* be likewise urged and that the manager of the Board of Publication be requested to communicate this action to every Sunday school within the bounds of the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STIREWALT,
J. L. MORGAN,
H. G. DAVIS,
CHAS. A. PHILIPS,
G. C. HINE,
WM. P. HOUSEAL.

It was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the Statistical Secretary ten ($10) dollars to cover the expense entailed in preparing the statistical table.

On motion, $5 was voted janitor of this church.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Publication submitted the following, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Publication.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

The report placed in our hands is a very comprehensive showing of the work of the Board of Publication for the past biennium.

We would hereby express our gratification at the marvelous growth and development of our Publication interests as committed to the Board. Further, that the Board, through the sagacious business methods employed in the disposition of the main street property in the city of Columbia, and the acquiring of the

Sumter street property in the same city, together with the construction of a splendid four-story building, specially adapted to the uses of the Board and equipped for efficient service, has displayed marked wisdom for which this synod is profoundly grateful. If we may discriminate in this matter, we feel that special mention is due Rev. Dr. W. H. Greever, manager of the Board, for his arduous and indefatigable labors. Through his untiring efforts, zeal and faith much of what we have has been made possible. We most heartily commend the official conduct of the Board in the publication and handling of the books named and in the publication of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That the entire report of the Board of Publication be printed in our minutes.

2. That all the church councils of our congregations throughout the United Synod be urged to make a most faithful effort by an every home canvass to place the *Lutheran Church Visitor* in every home.

3. That the President of the United Synod be empowered to fill vacancies that may occur during the interim of this body.

4. That the following compose the Board during the next biennium: Revs. W. P. Cline, E. J. Sox and W. H. Greever, Geo. B. Cromer, D. F. Efird, P. C. Price and A. H. Kohn.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. KINARD,
J. B. GREINER,
M. J. EPTING,
JNO. D. CAPPELMANN.

It was

Resolved, That in consideration of the fact that the representative on the Board of Foreign Missions from Mississippi can not attend the meetings of the Board without great inconvenience, this body approves Rev. W. H. Greever as his proxy, to serve as a member of this Board in the absence of the member from Mississippi.

On unanimous vote, the Secretary of this Synod is authorized now to cast the vote of the Synod for the election of all the incorporated Boards elected by this body, and he so does, and declares such boards elected.

The Report of Committee on Literary Institutions was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Literary Institutions.

There has been placed in the hands of your committee a large amount of valuable information in regard to the educational institutions within the bounds of the United Synod. The biennium shows the most remarkable development of our educational work in the whole history of the Lutheran Church in the South.

Two colleges for women have been founded and opened their doors in the fall of 1912. They are Roanoke Woman's College and Summerland College. Marion College erected a new building on the old site. Mont Amoena Seminary is erecting a new building on a new site. The Japan College and the Theological Seminary building were erected in the same period.

This is a record, wonderful, unparalleled, in the history of the Lutheran Church in the United States. So remarkable is the record that your committee feels that it should be recorded in the minutes of this Synod.

Roanoke Woman's College was founded by the Synod of Virginia and Southwest Virgina. It is owned and controlled by these Synods. It is designed to be a high grade Lutheran woman's college. Its property consists of a 30-acre campus and a new college building costing when fully equipped, $60,000. The residence and campus are valued at $10,000. Its work began October 2, with an able faculty of 10. Fifty-eight students are enrolled.

Summerland College was founded by the South Carolina Synod, and is owned and controlled by that Synod. It is to be a first class woman's college. Its property consists of completely furnished building and 40 acres of ground. It cost the Synod $25,000, and represents an investment of $80,000. The college faculty is composed of six experienced instructors, and 50 students are enrolled.

Marion College began the session of 1912 in a new building costing $40,000. It aims to be one of the best junior colleges in the State. The faculty numbers 9, and 60 students are enrolled.

Lenoir College has added to its buildings the Yoder Memorial Science building costing $12,000. It is raising an endowment of $100,000, of which $7,000 has been paid. It had received a bequest of $6,000. Eight of its alumni and eighteen of its students are preparing for the ministry. Its faculty numbers 15, and 225 students are enrolled.

Roanoke College has added three new buildings, dormitory, gymnasium, and college commons at a cost of $75,000. The Bureau of Education of the United States places Roanoke College in class A, with a star (*), ranking it next to the University of

Virginia. Two hundred students will be enrolled this year. The faculty numbers 19. It received bequests of $12,000.

Newberry College has added $75,000 to its endowment fund. Its students won first place in every literary and oratorical contest in 1911 and 1912. They have also abolished hazing. The faculty numbers 15; the student body 247.

A new building costing $25,000 is being erected for Mont Amoena Seminary on the new campus of ten acres. The faculty numbers 5, and 50 students are enrolled.

The Japan school buildings were erected at a cost of $29,000. The faculty numbers 15 and the student enrollment 205.

The new Theological Seminary building was erected and equipped at an expenditure of $49,000. The faculty numbers 4, and there are 20 students.

The Collegiate Institute has a faculty of five, and 104 students

The grand total expended in the erection of buildings is $331,000, and $82,000 have been added to endowment funds with $18,000 given as bequests. These amounts make a total of $420,000 actually expended and given to the cause of education. To this must be added the value of lands donated for sites and difference of cost of buildings, amounting to $80,000. These sums show an actual money value of $500,000.

There are in the institutions on the territory of the United Synod, 118 professors and 1,367 students.

The above record should excite in all our people the profoundest gratitude to Almighty God for His marvelous blessings upon all our educational work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. KEISTER,
H. A. McCULLOUGH,
C. K. BELL,
E. C. SWYGERT,
J. E. COOPER.

It was

Resolved, That the Board of Home Missions be instructed to give immediate attention to the conditions of the Mission in Birmingham, and make such provision for its support and development as may be in their judgment necessary.

The following on Treasurer's Report was adopted:

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

We, your committee, beg to report that we have carefully examined the report of J. E. Cooper, Treasurer of the United Synod, and that we find the same correct. Proper vouchers were presented with his report for all disbursements.

The special funds of the United Synod in the hands of the Treasurer are all safely invested. The securities were exhibited to the committee.

We recommend that the Treasurer's disposition of the proceeds derived from the sale of Bernheim Hall be approved by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. McALLISTER,
H. L. BONHAM.

The Committee on Inner Missions reported. Report adopted:

Report of Committee on Inner Missions and Deaconess Work.

Your committee early in the biennium planned to do considerable work in its sphere of interest. With this in view the committee met in the library of Newberry College, soon after the adjournment of the last convention of the United Synod. One member was authorized to communicate with the various Lutheran colleges and State schools of the South and make a list of the reading rooms where the *Church Visitor* could be put on file for the benefit of our students in attendance; a second was instructed to make a similar list of the reading rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association in our larger cities with a similar object in view; the third was set to work to find out how many seaport towns along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts had seamen's homes or port missions where the Bible and Lutheran literature in the necessary languages could be put for the use of seamen coming from Lutheran countries. An appeal was made for funds, but in vain, and the committee was unable to follow up its work of investigation. It was assured that the Board of Publication would be willing to give the *Visitor* at special rates for this purpose and it commends this work to the United Synod and to the pastors living in cities where these inner mission activities can be set in motion, as has already been done in several cases.

The committee notes with pleasure the growing interest taken by our pastors in Lutheran hospices for young men. Columbia and

Charlotte have been mentioned as favorable centers. The committee feels that work might be begun on a small basis in a self-sustaining way in several of our Southern cities. With our Lutheran young men turning to the large centers of population, too much can not be done to provide for them and keep them in active connection with the Church.

There are three inner mission institutions in the territory of the United Synod, from each one of which the committee has received a report.

1. The Jacob Washington Franke Hospital and Home was opened in Charleston in 1908. It has property worth $40,000, with an endowment of $35,000. It provides for eight inmates who are in the care of two helpers. It is intended for local work only, but it can readily be understood that with the large Lutheran population in Charleston it can be the center of blessings to many people.

2. The Lowman Home for the Aged and Helpless is located near White Rock, South Carolina, and has been in full operation since January 1, 1912. The Rev. W. P. Cline, a member of our committee, is the superintendent and treasurer. The institution cares for four persons and is rapidly equipping itself for wider usefulness. It is a child of the South Carolina Synod, but well deserves the interest of the United Synod, and the committee fosters the hope that the General Body will enable every Lutheran in the Southland to speak of it as our home. The institution is endowed with a large farm, beyond which about two thousand dollars in money were at its disposal at the beginning of the year. Improvements to the extent of $3,600 have been made and the South Carolina Synod has authorized its board to raise and expend $10,000 more for the enlargement of the Home. It is an important work and deserves the heartiest encouragement of the United Synod. It is on a small scale the same as the work carried on at Rochester, Pa., by the Passavant Home for Epileptics, and by the great institution founded by Pastor Bodelschwingh at Bielefeld, Germany.

3. The Orphan Home, Salem, Va., will no doubt make its report directly through its own Board. It is the largest of the inner mission institutions in our territory. It cares for over one hundred orphans and is eager to extend its usefulness to orphan infants and half-orphans. The sphere of inner mission work includes the welfare of both. The care of half-orphans might be made almost self-sustaining by providing a separate building for the purpose and allowing the parent to pay a certain amount each month. The superintendent, Mr. Crabtree, in a letter to the com-

mittee, cites the following case: A Lutheran by the death of his wife was left with five children. Having no near relatives that could assist him and no suitable person being found to care for the motherless children, he appealed to the Orphan Home at Salem to receive his children and offered to pay any reasonable sum month by month for their care. But there was no room in the home and he had to be refused. He thereupon turned to a Catholic institution and of course found room there for his Lutheran children. It is the hope of the committee that gradually all cases of need appealing to the love of the Church can be accepted and disposed of in the spirit of the Saviour's "Inasmuch." The committee greatly rejoices in the prosperity of our Home and is gratified at the desire to widen its circle of usefulness.

No further work has been done in the training of deacons, deaconesses and Christian workers. Miss Josephine Copeland continues as a welfare worker, but not under the care of our Synod. Miss Bowers has become a deaconess in connection with the Lutheran Home for Deaconesses at Baltimore, and Miss Simpson has accepted a call as missionary to Africa under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Board of the General Synod.

The committee feels the importance of Inner Mission work on the territory of the United Synod. It respectfully suggests the continuance of a committee and craves a small appropriation for the prosecution of the work that will present itself in the coming biennium.

The chairman of the committee, having moved from the center of the territory of the United Synod, desires to be relieved from further service on the committee, as the distance makes it impossible for him to attend its meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. FINCK,
JAS. D. KINARD,
W. P. CLINE.

Report of Committee on Report of Committee on Inner Missions.

The report of the Committee on Inner Missions shows conscientious and efficient attention to the cause committed to it. This committee would commend it for its work.

In view of the needs and opportunities set forth in that report, and in view, further, of the crystallizing sentiment in favor of the organization of Inner Mission work within the United Synod, this committee recommends:

1. That the United Synod create a regular Inner Mission and Deaconess Board composed of five members.

2. That the Synod provide at this time for the election of this Board, and empower it to adopt proper rules and by-laws for its working organization.

Your committee is informed by the President of the Lowman Home Board that upon negotiation with the Deaconess Board of the General Synod for trained deaconess helpers for the Lowman Home it is found that such help would be available if this body had a regular Deaconess Board through which the assignment could be made regularly, but not otherwise. We, therefore, recommend that the United Synod create, at this time, a Deaconess Board, and that a committee be appointed to nominate five members for that Board to this convention.

3. That whatever funds are available from offerings, or otherwise, in connection with this convention, be turned over to this Board for its work.

W. H. GREEVER,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
JACOB UMLAUF,
J. H. WANNEMACHER,
G. C. HINE.

Under this action the "Inner Mission and Deaconess Board" was appointed as follows: Revs. W. H. Greever, M. G. G. Scherer, C. E. Weltner, Geo. B. Cromer, LL.D., and Jno. F. Ficken, Esq.

The matter of royalty on Book of Worship was, on motion, referred to the Board of Publication and the Common Book Committee, with power to act.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its sincere appreciation of the careful and complete plans made for the entertainment of this body by the Church of the Redeemer, and that to the pastor and congregation, and to the choir and such committees as have been active in contributing to our comfort and convenience, and the success of this convention, we express our hearty thanks, and that we invoke the blessing and favor of God upon this congregation in its work and in the homes and lives of the members.

Resolved, That this body places on record its grateful recognition of the courtesies which have been extended this body by the press of the city of Atlanta, in connection with the proceedings of this convention.

Under the action on the Report of Home Missions the President appointed the following committee: Revs. L. A. Fox, C. K. Hunton, C. K. Bell, and Judge B. B. Miller and E. L. Greever, Esq.

It was, on motion, ordered that 4,000 copies of the Minutes of this Convention be printed for free distribution; and the Treasurer is authorized to pay for the same.

Minutes of today's session were read, and approved.

The Synod adjourned, and was closed by the President, using the form provided in our Book of Worship.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and faithful record of the proceedings of the Thirteenth regular Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, held in the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., November 12-16, 1912.

S. T. HALLMAN, Secretary.

Spartanburg, S. C.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Church of Redeemer—Revs. J. C. Seegers and R. C. Holland. Sunday school addresses by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, S. T. Hallman, J. E. Cooper, R. C. Holland, and Jacob Umlauf.

Mt. Pilgrim and St. Philip's (Lutheran), Haralson and Senoia, Ga.—Revs. M. J. Epting, and A. W. Ballentine.

North Avenue Presbyterian—Rev. J. A. Morehead, in morning.

Central Presbyterian—Rev. J. A. Morehead, in evening.

West End Presbyterian—Rev. G. H. Rhodes.

Inman Park Presbyterian—Rev. H. G. Davis.

Jackson Hill Baptist—Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, morning; Rev. L. A. Fox, evening.

West End Baptist—Rev. T. O. Keister.

Capitol Avenue Baptist—Rev. E. C. Cronk.

Methodist—Rev. A. D. R. Hancher.

General Mass Meeting, Grand Opera House—Address by Dr. Geo. B. Cromer. Music by Atlanta Federation of Musicians.

LIST OF VISITING MINISTERS.

Rev. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C.
Rev. J. B. Harman, Senoia, Ga.
Rev. J. H. Wilson, D.D., Orangeburg, S. C.
Rev. E. C. Cooper, Lynchburg, Va.
Rev. J. W. Oxner, Cameron, S. C.
Rev. D. A. Sox, Carrollton, Ga.
Rev. F. B. Clausen, Wilmington, N. C.
Rev. W. H. Riser, China Grove, N. C.
Rev. E. H. Copenhaver, Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. J. F. Bruch, Waynesboro, Va.
Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.

Standing Resolutions.

JUNE 26, 1886, TO NOVEMBER 16, 1912.

1. 1886, p. 54. *Delegates' Expenses*: That the District Synods are hereby requested to pay the necessary expenses of their respective delegates to this and succeeding conventions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

2. 1900, p. 101. *Theological Seminary Board Vacancies, How Filled*: That in the event of any vacancy in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary by death, resignation, removal from the territory of this Synod, or otherwise, such vacancy may be filled by the Board; and that the said Board shall be elected at every regular meeting of this body.

3. 1902, p. 76. *Accepts Charter of Board of Missions—Election of Board*: That this body accepts the charter granted by the Legislature of South Carolina to our Board of Missions and Church Extension; and that the members of said Board shall be elected by this body at each of its regular conventions, and should this United Synod fail at any such conventions to elect members of said Board, then the members last elected shall hold over and be empowered to act until their successors shall be elected by the United Synod.

Vacancies in, How Filled: 1904, p. 117: That if a vacancy occurs in the Board of Missions during the interim between meetings of the United Synod, the vacancy shall be filled by the President of the United Synod.

Several Funds of Board of Missions, (1906): That the Board of Missions and Church Extension be directed to maintain three funds, viz.: Foreign Mission Fund, Home Mission Fund, and Church Extension Fund, and that these funds be increased by said Board in harmony with the other actions of this body, and in response to the demands of the work. (Note—Modified by the creation of two Boards).

4. 1904, p. 90. *Revenue of Synod—How Raised*: That to provide funds for the necessary expenses of this body an annual assessment of one-half cent per capita be laid upon the District Synods, beginning with this convention, and that such District Synod is requested to forward to the Treasurer of this body its first annual assessment at or within three months after its annual convention.

5. 1904, p. 118. *Offerings—How Appropriated*: That offerings hereafter made at the sessions of this Synod be appropriated as follows: On the occasions of the presentations of the several causes of synod the offerings shall be devoted, unless otherwise ordered, to the cause, or causes, presented.

6. 1906, p. 94. *Prayer for Theological Seminary*: That this Board recommend that the United Synod shall designate the Sunday which will be observed as Reformation Day as a day of special prayer in behalf of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

7. 1906, p. 96. *Official Visitors—Expenses to be Paid*: That this Board recommend that the United Synod pay the expenses of its official visitors to the General Council and General Synod. That the President of this body be empowered to certify official visitors to the General Council and General Synod, whenever the principal and alternate are unable to attend.

8. 1906, p. 45. *Bible Distribution*: We recommend that, as tangible evidence of our interest, a collection be taken annually in our churches for the work.

9. 1904, p. 124. *Divorce*: The attitude of the Church of Christ in regard to the sacredness of the marriage bond and its indissoluble character should be made clear and unmistakable. In view of the revival of the agitation of this subject in this country, it is proper that the United Synod should give utterance to what it believes is the teaching of the Scriptures, and that in terms unequivocal.

In the purview of the State marriage is a civil contract and nothing more. Decrees of divorce affect such contract only in its civil aspect. Therefore an annulment by the State of the bonds of marriage can have no binding effect upon the conscience of the Church of Christ, which resting upon the Holy Scriptures, recognizes in marriage an institution ordained of God and hedged about with divine sanctions and limitations.

While the Church can not but look with disfavor upon the facility with which the bonds of marriage are dissolved under the laws of the State, because of its natural effect in begetting a perverted view of the character of the marital bond, yet it is not in our province to dictate to the State how it shall deal with this subject viewed as simply a contract between citizens of the commonwealth. It is our duty, however, as churchmen to consider marriage as more than a civil contract and to so act as to emphasize its divine and Scriptural character.

The special function of the Church therefore is to inculcate by faithful teachings, proper sentiments as to the sacredness of

the marriage relation as of divine sanction, and through its ministry to testify to the indissolubleness of the marital bond by declining to officiate at remarriage of divorced parties while both are living.

Viewed in the light of Scripture, marriage is an engagement as long as both parties do live, and the vow prescribed in the ritual so affirms. While for one specified cause and perhaps also for willful desertion, there may be a proper dissolution of that bond and of all obligations growing out of such marriages, (there is no Scriptural warrant for either party to remarry, while the other is living; therefore, no minister of the Church of Christ should officiate at the remarriage of divorced parties, unless he is assured that the marriage bond has been dissolved by God Himself—that is, by the death of one of the parties.) The clause in parenthesis is qualified, in fact, nullified by the action of 1908.—Sec'y.

1908, pp. 45, 46. *Divorce—Qualification*: At the ninth convention of this body a series of propositions on Divorce and Remarriage was submitted for consideration at the following convention (Min. IX. Conv., p. 124). At the last convention these propositions were simply ordered to be reprinted (Min. X. Conv., p. 72).

The United Synod now expresses its judgment in regard to these propositions as follows:

They contain a timely and forceful statement of the sanctity of marriage and the evils of divorce, now unhappily so widely prevalent. But they require qualification so as to recognize the right of the innocent divorced party to remarry.

The dissolution of the marriage bond for reasons explicitly recognized by our Lord and in Scripture must be regarded as sanctioned by God Himself, and the innocent party "is not under bondage in such cases" (I. Cor. 7:15). There is nothing in Scripture to forbid such marriages of the innocent party, for the passages, Matt. 5:32; 19:9; Mk. 10:11, 12; Lu. 16:18, imply that there was no true dissolution of marriage. Accordingly the Smalkald Articles (Jacob's translation, p. 35) declare: "Unjust also is the tradition which forbids an innocent person to marry after divorce."

10. 1910, pp. 82, 89, 102. *Periods of Offerings*: That October be omitted from the body of our Minutes, *except* on the Roll of Synod and in recording names of officers elected.

11. p. 7, 1912. *Titles*: Hereafter all titles of ministers shall be adopted as Home Mission month in all our churches.

That Reformation season be adopted as Home Mission period in all our Sunday schools.

That the Epiphany season be recognized as Foreign Mission Festival in all our congregations; and that "April Japan Day" be designated as the season for special offerings for the Japan Mission in all our Sunday schools.

That all the Sunday schools of the United Synod be urged to set apart at least one Sunday during the year, to be known as Orphan Home Sunday, and that offerings be taken for the support of the Home; when suitable, such offerings to be taken during the summer months.

12. 1910, p. 101, *Mission Reports—When Made*: That the Boards of Home Missions, of Foreign Missions and of Publication shall submit their reports in printed form at the first session of each convention of the United Synod; and that these reports be referred to appropriate committees at once, and that these be presented in connection with the reports of these committees.

Charter of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA—EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

Whereas, R. A. Yoder, Lincolnton, N. C., and W. H. Riser, Norfolk, Va., two or more of the officers or agents appointed to supervise or manage the affairs of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod, which has been duly and regularly organized, did on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1909, file with the Secretary of State a written declaration setting forth:

That a meeting of the aforesaid organization held, pursuant to the by-laws or regulations of the said corporation, they were authorized and directed to apply for incorporation.

That the said organization holds, or desires to hold, property in common for religious, educational, social, fraternal, charitable or other eleemosynary purpose, or any two or more of said purposes, and is not organized for the purpose of profit or gain to the members, otherwise than is above stated, or for the insurance of life, health, accident or property; and that three days' notice in *The State,* a newspaper published in the County of Richland, has been given that the aforesaid declaration would be filed.

And Whereas, That said Declaration and Petition further declared and affirmed:

First. Their names and residences are as above given.

Second. The name of the proposed corporation is the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod.

Third. The place at which it proposes to have its headquarters or be located is Columbia, S. C.

Fourth. The purpose of the said proposed corporation is to conduct and manage the work of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, as shall from time to time be authorized and directed by the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South; the members of the said corporation to be elected by the said United Synod as its rules shall require. And with the power to acquire, hold, manage, convey and mortgage property, real and personal, as authorized by law.

Fifth. The names and residences of all Managers, Trustees, Directors or other officers are as follows: Rev. R. A. Yoder, D.D., president; Rev. W. H. Riser, secretary; John M. Rhodes, treasurer.

Sixth. That they desired to be incorporated in perpetuity.

Now, therefore, I, R. M. McCown, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested, by Chapter XLVIII, Article 11, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby declare the said organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the limitations and liabilities conferred by said Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto, GIVEN UNDER My Hand and the Seal of the State, at Columbia, this 12th day of March, in the Year of our Lord one (Seal) thousand and nine hundred and nine and in the one hundred and thirty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

R. M. McCOWN,
Secretary of State.

Recorded in office of Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, for Richland County, S. C., this 17th day of March, 1909, in Corporation Book at page 295 and certified to by J. F. WALKER, C. C. C. P. and G. S.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FOURTH CONVENTION
OF THE
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE
OF THE
UNITED SYNOD
OF THE
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South,
Held in Atlanta, Ga., November 13, 14, 1912.

FIRST SESSION.

CHAPEL OF CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
ATLANTA, GA., NOVEMBER 13, 1912.

The Woman's Conference of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South met in the chapel of the Central Presbyterian church, November 13, 1912.

At 9 o'clock a. m., a Mission Study class in "China's New Day" was conducted by Rev. E. C. Cronk.

A devotional service on the topic, Vision and Leadership, was conducted by Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

Following this the Convention was formally opened according to the regular order, by the President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

The following officers were present:

President—Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Salem, Va.

Vice President—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Columbia, S. C.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C.

Corresponding Secretary and Reporting Treasurer—Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Roanoke, Va.

Thank Offering Secretary—Miss Constance Cline, Concord, N. C.

The delegates were enrolled as follows:

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Southwestern Virginia Synod—Mrs. J. G. Bringman.

South Carolina Synod—Mrs. J. H. Harms, Mrs. E. W. Leslie, Mrs. C. L. Kibler, Mrs. J. B. Umberger, Miss Eva Grieshaber.

North Carolina Synod—Mrs. R. L. Patterson, Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin, Mrs. J. A. Thom, Mrs. W. H. Riser, Miss Constance Cline.

Georgia Synod—Miss Lalla McGraw, Miss C. A. Goerz.

Holston Synod—Miss Louie Bible.

Virginia Synod.—Miss Helen I. Schmidt.

Tennessee Synod.—Mrs. L. S. Trotti, Mrs. M. A. Ashby, Mrs. W. J. Boger.

Greetings were extended by Miss Lalla McGraw, for the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.; by Mrs. S. D. Jones, for the Atlanta Union of Mission Workers; and by Mrs. Samuel Lumpkin, for the Atlanta Missionary Union.

The President responded to these greetings.

Synodical messages were brought to the Conference by Mrs. J. G. Bringman, for the Southwestern Virginia Synod.

Mrs. J. B. Umberger, for the South Carolina Synod.

Mrs. R. L. Patterson, for the North Carolina Synod.

Mrs. E. C. Cronk, for the Georgia Synod.

Miss Louie Bible, for the Holston Synod.

Miss Helen I. Schmidt, for the Virginia Synod.

Mrs. W. J. Boger, for the Tennessee Synod.

A telegram was read from Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, of Delaware, Ohio (who was to have been official representative from the General Synod Society), announcing the death of her husband. Special prayer was offered for Mrs. Shaffer, in her bereavement, and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to send a telegram expressing the sympathy of the Conference.

Mrs. J. G. Bringman brought greetings from the last Convention of the General Synod Society, which she attended as the official representative from this Conference.

The President's report was then read.

President's Report.

My Dear Fellow Workers: It gives us much joy to greet one another again as we assemble in the name of our Lord and His Christ. It is a joy to feel that we have common sympathies, common interests and a common aim. It is a still greater joy to feel, unbelievable as it may seem, that we are His chosen instruments to carry forward His will and that He has need of us. But mingled with our joy is the sobering feeling of the great respon-

sibility that lies upon us. What if we fail to respond to the Master's touch! What if we mar the perfect harmony the Master meant by the noise of self-seeking, by clamor, and by the discord of hasty and ill-advised action! We humbly pray that He who has chosen us to His service may so guide us with heavenly wisdom that our meeting together may be for the ultimate good of the kingdom.

OUR FOREIGN WORK.

It is not necessary here to repeat details familiar to all of you in regard to our Japan Mission. For the first time since the Conference was organized we have none of our missionaries with us in person. We may be sure, however, that all of them are with us in spirit during our meeting and that of the United Synod.

The missionaries on the field in Japan have written to the Board that the services of two young women are now needed in Japan. One of them should be a trained and experienced kindergartner capable of training and directing the native teachers. The other should have educational qualifications such as would avail in planting the work for women with the possible outcome of a school for girls.

Within the last few weeks I have received the following message from the Board of Missions:

"At a meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod, held in Charlotte, N. C., October 16, 1912, the following action was taken in regard to sending out to Japan two young women missionaries:

"*Resolved,* 1st, That we submit to the Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod the proposition that this Board stands ready to commission two young women who may be found to possess the proper qualifications whenever the Woman's Missionary Conference will assume their support over and above the aid hitherto rendered in behalf of the mission cause in Japan.

"*Resolved,* 2nd, That in case the above proposition is accepted by the Woman's Missionary Conference, the Board requests that two or three ladies be designated by the Woman's Missionary Conference whom the Board of Foreign Missions may call into consultation concerning the work contemplated."

Such is the call to us. We believe that young women of the necessary qualifications and consecration can be found in our own territory. All things are possible which we have faith to undertake, and we pray that this new open door in Japan may find the

response of the open heart among the women of the United Synod of the South.

OUR HOME WORK.

It is impossible for us to undertake a common home mission work, as long as we are expected to contribute to both the United Synod Home Mission and our own synodical missions. Until some feasible plan for cooperation can be worked out by the Board of Home Missions and the synodical missions, each synodical missionary society will have to decide as heretofore on the special home mission work to be undertaken.

There is to my mind nothing so deplorable as the circulation of the idea that there is anything antagonistic in the work of the different boards. And I have never yet discovered that it tends to arouse interest in our great home mission problems to blame the people for giving liberally to foreign missions. The spirit of giving once aroused tends to spend itself whenever and wherever the need is clearly and forcibly presented.

Let us take it upon ourselves then, as part of our home mission work, to make a study of the field at home, and to direct our women to the many channels for usefulness in which their desire for service may expend itself.

REVIEW OF THE BIENNIUM.

Our work during the past two years has had many encouraging features. One new synodical society has been organized and the others have made substantial progress. All have held interesting and helpful annual conventions. In the North Carolina and South Carolina societies there has been a notable expansion of the work among the young people. There is, too, an evidence of increasing interest in Mission Study.

There is, however, one poignant note of sadness in the memory of the past two years—the loss of one of the members of our Executive Committee, Miss Amelia Habenicht. When we think of the beauty of this young life, and recall her grace of manner and culture of mind, her sweet humility of spirit and her ability and readiness to serve, the rebellious "why" will spring to our lips. But He only doeth all things well. This we know although we can not always understand. We cherish the memory of her faithful service as a fresh inspiration to endeavor.

Soon after the meeting in Richmond, Miss Habenicht asked to be relieved of the duty of Thank-Offering Secretary, and Miss Constance Cline was appointed to that office. After Miss Habenicht's death, Miss Lottie Wyse, of Columbia, S. C., was appointed a mem-

ber of the Literature Committee, and Mrs. J. G. Bringman, of Roanoke, Va., was asked to act as Reporting Treasurer.

THE GENERAL LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

The work of this committee has expanded to an almost embarrassing extent and the members have been severely overtaxed. The work and needs of this important committee will be presented in detail by the Secretary of the Committee.

THE THANK-OFFERING FUND.

This special fund should be continued as a special feature of our work. To some of our women the frequent use of the little Thank-Offering box makes a strong appeal. For each and every one of us, however, the Thank-Offering should have a definite place in our religious life. No more do we need to approach our God through the medium of the sin offering. He asks only the humble and contrite heart, but our thank-offerings we should continue to lay at his feet in token of our acceptance of the supreme offering made on Calvary, and in appreciation of the daily evidences of His continued love and care.

At our last meeting a resolution was passed that the home mission part of this offering be for United Synod home missions. This has never been carried into effect. Shall we continue to ignore it, or is it best to leave this to the synodical societies?

It is suggested that the foreign mission half of this fund should be used in the support of our young women missionaries.

WORK OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD.

The Woman's Department of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* has been conducted as heretofore by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps. The advisory editorial board will doubtless be able to suggest plans for the future of this important department of our work.

OUR RELATION TO THE WORK OF OTHER BOARDS.

During the past two years numerous communications have come to us concerning the work of the various interdenominational conferences and committees of mission workers. Most of these have not been answered because your President had no authority from the Conference to act in the name of the Conference. It would perhaps be well for the Conference to take some action on this point so in future your officers may know what to reply to such overtures.

A FORWARD GLANCE.

As we look forward our missionary horizon seems to be "full of a number of things." Are we happy in the prospect of the greater work that lies before us, or do we shrink with misgiving when we remember our frailty and our weakness? Let us take as a thought for the coming years the lesson of giving and withholding.

"There is a sea which day by day
  Receives the rippling rills
And streams which flow from the wells of God
  Or spring from cedared hills,
But what it thus receives it gives
  With glad, unsparing hand;
And a stream more wide, with a deeper tide,
  Pours out to a lower land.
But does it lose by giving? Nay;
  Its shores and beauty see—
The life and health and bounteous wealth
  Of Galilee.

"There is a sea which day by day
  Receives a fuller tide,
But all its store it keeps, nor gives
  To shore nor sea beside.
What gains its grasping greed! Behold
  Barrenness round its shore!
Its fruits of lust but apples of dust,
  Rotten from rind to core.
Its Jordan waters, turned to brine,
  Lie heavy as molten lead,
And its awful name doth ever proclaim
  That sea is Dead!"

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. F. MOREHEAD.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary and Reporting Treasurer was read and ordered printed in the minutes.

Report of Corresponding Secretary and Reporting Treasurer, October, 1910, to October, 1912.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	51
Membership	1,200

Young People's Societies	24
Children's Societies	35
Total contributions	$10,000

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	13
Total contributions	$ 1,200

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	66
Children's Societies	55
Young People's Societies	19
Total contribtuions	$10,000

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	30
Membership	500
Children's Societies	15
Membership	378
Total contributions	$ 3,000

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	13
Membership	198
Children's Societies	3
Total contributions	$ 1,000

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	19
Children's Societies	6
Young People's Societies	2
Total contributions	$ 1,370 14

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	17
Total contributions	$443 92

The time for adjournment was set for 12:30 p. m.

Mrs. J. E. Shenk was appointed organist for the Conference.

The report of the General Literature Committee was read and referred to the proper committee.

Report of General Literature Committee.

Your Committee has deeply realized two things during the past biennium—the importance of the work entrusted to us and our inability to meet, as should be met, the splendid opportunities presented. While we have tried to be faithful to our trust, we can but realize that we have fallen far short of doing what might have been done with better equipment and more systematized work.

During the year the call to one of our members to "come up higher" has brought deep personal bereavement and genuine loss to our committee. We wish to put on record our appreciation of the life and work of Miss Amelia Habenicht, who entered into life on March 31, 1912. It was a blessed privilege to have been associated with her in the work, and we feel keenly our great loss. Her unselfish consecration and Christlike spirit have bequeathed to this work, in which she was so much interested, a rich heritage.

Miss Lottie Wyse, of Columbia, S. C., was appointed by the President to serve on the committee until the meeting of this Conference.

Inasmuch as our work is practically in its infancy we take the headings of this report from those of the report of a similar committee of a much larger and older body in order that they may be suggestive along the line of enlargement.

WORK AT LITERATURE HEADQUARTERS.

In the past two years the work has grown greatly. The number of pieces of literature printed in the preceding biennium has been increased ten times in the report of this biennium. While the mailing of the literature has been no slight task, that which involves most labor has been the compiling of material, the preparation of manuscripts, and the answering of inquiries. We are glad to be, as far as possible, a bureau of missionary information, and wish to encourage these inquiries and make plans for more satisfactory work along this line.

Some idea of the extent of this work may be gained from the fact that about 3,500 communications have been received during the biennium.

EQUIPMENT.

The equipment owned at this time by the committee consists of one rubber stamp, one jar of paste and one ink pad. This suggests the fine desk courtesies of the Laymen's Movement and the generosity of Mrs. M. S. Habenicht, in giving storage room.

However, that stage of our work is past when the imports of the individual members of our committee are sufficient to furnish wrapping paper and twine for the committee's exports and larger plans must be made. The Lutheran Board of Publication has generously offered an office room in the new Publication building and arrangements should be made for the equipment needed.

SALARIES.

No salaries have been paid during the biennium and no traveling expenses of representatives in attending conventions. All manuscripts printed have been donated by the authors.

MONTHLY MEETING DEPARTMENT IN MISSIONARY MAGAZINE.

This heading suggests a need that is being generally felt. If it were possible to have, each month, more material on the subject for study, printed in a missionary magazine our progress might be greatly enriched. The *Lutheran Church Visitor* has been more than generous in the space allowed the Woman's Department every week, it being the exception rather than the rule to find only the one page promised us, but inasmuch as the young people have one issue each month for their programs, and the other material received by the editor for publication is almost sufficient for the other three issues, very little space can be given to program material for the Woman's Societies. We are impressed with the need for the publication of articles and suggestions along the outline of the year's study.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

No special provision has been made for literature for the Young People's Societies, further than the publication of several leaflets. What the missionary work of tomorrow is depends, humanly speaking, on the training of the young people of today. Arrangements should be made to supply the young people with literature adapted to their needs. This is one department of the work that should receive special attention during the next biennium.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

Since our last meeting the work of supplying the Children's Societies with programs and leaflets has been undertaken. Programs for 1911 and 1912 have been issued and furnished to all the Children's societies asking for them. Ten thousand little red boxes have been sent out and a similar number of illustrated letters.

Children's literature for 1913 will be ready to be mailed in a few days.

THANK OFFERING DEPARTMENT.

Five thousand Thank Offering boxes have been printed and most of them sent out since the last Conference. A "Letter of Introduction," explaining the purpose of the Thank Offering has been printed and a copy sent with each box.

MISSION STUDY.

A new item appears in our report for this biennium—Mission Study text-books. We have had more calls for Mission Study text-books in the last sixty days than in the preceding four years. This department of the work promises great enlargement.

LEAFLETS PRINTED.

During the biennium 168,000 pieces of literature have been printed. Of these 92,500 were leaflets from original manuscripts; 68,000 were reprints; 6,500 were programs, and 1,000 were music sheets. 1,100 leaflets from other boards have been circulated.

That the work will continue to increase in the next biennium is already assured inasmuch as there are now in press 164,000 leaflets not included in this report. The following new publications have been printed, from original manuscripts:

When the Master Came, My Christmas Thank Offering, On the Other Side, A Cluster of American Beauties, A Letter of Introduction, Sentence Prayers for Missionary Societies, Power Through Prayer, Prayer Quotations, A Contrast, Woman's Work for Woman, From the Women of the East to the Women of the West, Twelve Hours With the Master, Missionary in His World Field, Little Snow Drop, Jesus and the Children, The Why and How of Interesting Children in Mission Work, Sentence Prayers for Children's Missionary Societies, What the Nickel and the Dime Had to Say About It, Penny Sad and Penny Glad, Constitution of Children's Junior Missionary Societies, Invitation to the Week of Prayer Services, What, Could Ye Not Watch With Me One Hour? The Message That Was Sent, Christian Settlement Work, Planting Two Flags, In the Light of Bethlehem's Star, The Easter Message, Christmas Pictures, All the Children of the World, Jesus the Light of World, Jesus the Great Physician, Jesus the Compassionate Friend, Jesus in a Corrupt Church, Jesus' Promise of Power, Jesus' Call to Service, Jesus in His Homeland, Jesus the

Teacher Come from God, Jesus' Work for Individuals, Jesus the Lamb of God, Jesus the King Victorious, A World-Wide Christmas Message, Plain Questions With Bible Answers, With Christ in the School of Prayer, The Fast Accepted by God, The Broken Alabaster Box, A Finished Redemption—An Unfinished Task, Tests of Discipleship, Is it Fair, The Idol With an Apron, The Message of Her Rosary, Some Immigrants I Have Known Sowing Prayers in America—Reaping Souls in India, Strangers Within Our Gates.

Reprints of the following have been made:

Women and Mission Power, What is in Thine Hand, The Third Prayer, The Diary of One Member for last year, Power Through Prayer, A Cluster of American Beauties, The King's Highway, The Zenana, The Touch of Human Hands, What Jesus Said, The Ringing Bells, A Plea for the Twelve, Not One Cent, He Bore the Cross, My Christmas Thank Offering, Internal Revenue, The Ideal Ambassador, The Second Mile.

COOPERATION WITH THE GENERAL COUNCIL SOCIETIES.

The one thing that has, more than any other, made possible the large literature supplies furnished our societies is the cooperation with the General Council Societies, who have for three years placed with us large orders for programs and leaflets. We feel that nothing has been lost by this cooperation and much has been gained. Aside from the fact that the large editions have greatly reduced the cost per thousand of all our publications, it has given to our literature a circulation so far beyond the greatest expectation of our committee that we can scarcely realize the extent of its influence. The programs are now being translated into both Swedish and German.

COOPERATIVE LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Another marked enlargement of the work since our last convention has come through the Cooperative Literature Committee, composed of representatives from the United Synod, the General Synod and the General Council. A report of this work will be submitted to the Conference.

UNITED SYNOD SERVICE BOOKS.

The transfer of the United Service books from the Southwestern Virginia Committee to the General Literature Committee was effected on September 18, 1910, in accordance with instructions given the committee at Richmond.

This service book was the first step toward a common literature for our societies, and it is impossible to estimate its influence. The names of its editors, Mrs. L. A. Fox, and Mrs. M. S. Evans, are the names that stand first in the effort to supply an adequate literature for our United Synod Societies.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of $24.20 which the Southwestern Virginia Convention gave from their Service Book Fund to the work of our committee.

EXHIBITS.

Another new feature of the work has been the furnishing of literature exhibits for various Lutheran and interdenominational conventions. As a result of these exhibits and the sending out of sample copies of publications we have received from other denominations large orders for literature.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the thanks of this Conference be given to Mrs. M. S. Habenicht, who has stored for us a large quantity of literature.

2. That the thanks of this Conference be given the Lutheran Board of Publication for the storage of literature and for other courtesies, and that their offer of office room in their new building be accepted with hearty thanks.

3. That the Board of Foreign Missions be asked to furnish 10,000 little red boxes for use in the Children's Societies.

4. That the thanks of this Conference be given to Mr. M. L. Farrell, the manager of the printing department of the Lutheran Board of Publication, who, by his personal interest in our work, combined with his fine artistic ability, has issued our leaflets in unusually attractive form, and who has given much more than good measure of business courtesy in aiding the committee.

STATEMENT OF SECRETARY OF LITERATURE.

Receipts from September 1, 1910, *to November* 1, 1912.

Sale of Programs	$ 372 85
Sale of Leaflets of our own publication	422 08
Sale of Leaflets of other Boards	32 12
United Services	50 40
Postcards	4 75
Birthday boxes	5 42
Program packets	10 95
Junior Program Packets	12 69

Literature appropriations	114 20
Text-books	37 80
Mission Study Helps	2 95
Music sheets	2 00
Subscriptions to *Everyland*	50
From Miss Habenicht's account	5 43
	$1,073 64

Disbursements from September 1, 1910, to November 1, 1912.

Postage	$ 73 42
Other Boards for Leaflets	36 29
Printing	141 85
Miss Habenicht on Literature sales	646 80
Stationery and mailing supplies	8 60
Postoffice box rent	8 00
Express	8 07
Text-books	58 27
United Services	59 09
Drayage	2 45
Charts	8 66
Telephone call	35
Birthday boxes	75
Subscription to *Everyland*	40
Mission Study Helps	2 53
Copyright	1 03
Cuts	90
Music plates	6 00
Total	$1,063 75
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1912	$ 9 89

Inasmuch as during part of the biennium some of the moneys passed through the hands of both the Treasurer and the Secretary of Literature, the following totals on such items are given:

Total receipts from sale of literature	$ 953 51
Total receipts from appropriations	410 55

Total Disbursements.

Printing	$ 967 59
Other Boards for Leaflets	106 91
Express	10 82
United Services	75 34

Postage	102 31
Mailing supplies	14 65

Mrs. E. C. CRONK, Sec'y of Literature.

Visitors from the Birmingham mission were welcomed, and a report of the mission work in that city was read to the Conference.

The President appointed the following committees:

On President's Report—Mrs. R. L. Patterson, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Miss Louie Bible.

On Report of the General Literature Committee—Mrs. J. H. Harms, Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin, Miss Helen I. Schmidt.

On Report of Editorial Board—Miss Constance Cline, Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Mrs. E. W. Leslie.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

The Conference was opened with a devotional service conducted by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, on the topic, "A Vision of God."

Mrs. Charles L. Fry, of Catasauqua, Pa., official delegate from the Woman's Federation of the General Council, delivered the greetings of the body she represented.

Mrs. E. C. Cronk, official delegate from this Conference to the General Council Federation, made a verbal report.

The report of the Editorial Board was submitted by Mrs. J. H. Harms.

REPORT OF EDITORIAL BOARD.

Your Board held a meeting in January, 1911, in Columbia. S. C. Plans for increasing the efficiency of the Woman's Department in the *Lutheran Church Visitor* were discussed. By invitation Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor,* was present at the meeting. Inasmuch as the conviction that the editor of the Woman's Department should receive financial compensation for her work was general, and inasmuch as this Conference handles no funds with which such compensation could be made, the secretary was instructed to address a communication to the Board of Publication, requesting them, if they saw fit, to appropriate $120 per annum for this purpose.

The President of the Board of Publication reported that his board could not grant this request.

The Board of Publication has been most generous in the space given to the Woman's Department, but although they almost regularly give us more than the page promised each week, we realize the need for the publication of more missionary information, and believing that the missionary interests of the entire United Synod can be promoted by securing the cooperation of all of the missionary agencies in the production, support and maintenance of a monthly magazine for the United Synod, we recommend:

That this Conference appoint a committee to confer with the Board of Home Missions, the Board of Foreign Missions and the Laymen's Missionary Movement, with a view to the establishment of such a magazine, and that the said committee have power to act.

Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps,
Mrs. J. H. Harms,
Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

The report was received and recommendation, discussed, and adopted.

The Committee on Constitution reported and same was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The program for the afternoon was taken up and the following "Just How Papers" were read: "How to Have a Successful Missionary Society in a Country Church," Miss Louie Bible, Greeneville, Tenn. "How a Busy Girl may Help Her Pastor," Miss Helen Schmidt, Richmond, Va. "How to Interest the Children in Mission Work," Mrs. J. Henry Harms, Newberry, S. C. "How to Keep the Young People Interested," Miss Constance Cline, Concord, N. C.

The Conference adjourned with prayer led by Rev. W. H. Riser.

THIRD SESSION.

Thursday, 9:15 a. m.

The first hour was devoted to a Mission Study class in "China's New Day."

A devotional service, on the topic, "A Vision of the World," was led by Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

The minutes of preceding session were read and adopted.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Officers of Conference.

President—Mrs. W. F. Morehead.
First Vice President—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.
Second Vice President—Mrs. R. L. Patterson.
Third Vice President—Mrs. E. C. Cronk.
Fourth Vice President—Mrs. W. J. Lintz.
Fifth Vice President—Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher.
Recording Secretary—Miss Constance Cline.
Corresponding and Statistical Secretary—Mrs. J. G. Bringman.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. H. Harms.

Mrs. J. G. Bringman presented some needs of our Orphan Home.

It was voted that the Report of the Editorial Board be recommitted for amendment.

The Report of the Thank Offering Secretary was read and received.

Report of the Executive Committee was read, received and considered item by item.

Report of Executive Committee.

Various informal meetings of the Executive Committee have been held during the biennium. A formal meeting was held November 12, 1912, at which the following action was taken:

1. Inasmuch as our work needs to be more thoroughly systematized we recommend that the following general officers be elected, whose duty it shall be to develop the work of their respective departments in cooperation with the officers in charge of similar departments of the synodical conventions:

Secretary of Young People's work.
Secretary of Children's work.
Secretary of Mission Study.
Secretary of Life Membership.

When these departments are added to those which we already have, the literature and the thank offering, the efficiency of our work will be greatly increased.

2. Inasmuch as the work of the Literature Committee has expanded to such an extent that adequate quarters are essential to satisfactory handling of supplies, and inasmuch as the Lutheran Board of Publication has generously tendered us, free of cost, a room in the new Publication building, therefore be it resolved:

That we accept this offer gratefully and authorize the committee to establish here a central office. We recommend also that the sum of ten ($10) dollars, as a minimum, a month be allowed the Literature Committee for needed clerical work, this amount to be paid from the general expense fund if in hand, if not, any deficit to be supplied by the Synodical Societies.

3. That, in case we send out the young women missionaries, we undertake as soon as practicable the erection of a home for them in Japan to be known as the Amelia Habenicht Home, and that the money contributed for the Bible Woman's Annex be used as a foundation for this fund.

4. We request each synodical Corresponding Secretary to send to the Conference Secretary a copy of minutes of her society each year as soon as published.

MRS. W. F. MOREHEAD, President.
MRS. J. G. BRINGMAN, Secretary.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, adopted. Report adopted as a whole.

The report of Committee on President's Report was received and considered item by item.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The report of our President gives evidence of her faithful and intelligent attention to official duties and to her earnest and tireless devotion to the causes. We are due her grateful appreciation and ready cooperation in advancing the work.

1. We would note the communication from the Board of Foreign Missions, and suggest the same for discussion and action of the Conference.

2. We recommend further that the Foreign share of the Thankoffering be used in the support of our women missionaries to be sent out by the Board of Foreign Missions, and that this Conference discuss and decide whether the Home share shall be used for Synodical Home Missions or for the Board of Home Missions of the United Synod, as recommended at our last meeting.

3. We recommend that our President be duly authorized and empowered to answer all communications addressed to her, according to her judgment and the demands of the occasion. We suggest that her final message of unselfish giving be made the grand keynote of this biennium of service.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. L. PATTERSON,
MRS. M. O. J. KREPS,
MISS LOUIE BIBLE.

Item 1. Adopted.

As an expression of gratitude for the privilege of supporting the two women missionaries to be sent out, the Conference arose and sang, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

Item 2. Recommendation that the Foreign Mission half of Thank-offering be used in support of women missionaries, adopted.

The recommendation that the Home Mission half be appropriated according to the discretion of the different conventions was adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Report adopted as a whole.

The noonday prayer service was conducted by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

Benediction by Rev. J. E. Shenk.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, on the topic, "A Vision of Service."

Instead of the study class on China, Miss Wu, a Chinese young lady, who is being educated in America, gave to the Conference some very interesting facts concerning the customs and changes in China.

The minutes of the preceding sessions were read and adopted.

A motion prevailed that the Executive Committee be empowered to appoint three women as an Advisory Board to consult with the Board of Foreign Missions as requested.

Mrs. J. G. Bringman was elected delegate to represent this body at the meeting of General Council Convention, to be held in Toledo, O.

Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps was elected delegate to represent this body at the meeting of the General Synod Convention to be held in York, Pa.

The report of Committee on General Literature Committee's Report was read.

Report of Committee on Report of General Literature Committee.

The report of your Literature Committee which has come into our hands is a complete review of the work in literature, which has been done by our Conference in the last biennium. We feel proud of what has been accomplished by this committee. We can not help but rejoice in the widespread use that is being made by other bodies of literature that is prepared in our territory. We recommend:

1. That a rising vote of thanks be given Mrs. E. C. Cronk for her efficient, intelligent and self-sacrificing efforts in creating and distributing our literature.

2. That the thanks of this Conference be given to Mrs. M. S. Habenicht, who at much personal inconvenience has stored for us a large quantity of literature.

3. That the thanks of our Conference be given the Board of Publication for the storage of literature and for other courtesies and that we accept with many thanks their offer of office room in their new building.

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Mrs. J. H. Harms,
Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin,
Miss Helen I. Schmidt.

Report was considered and adopted by items and then as a whole.

The report of Cooperative Literature Committee was received and ordered printed in the minutes.

Report of Cooperative Literature Committee.

At our meeting held in Richmond, Va., September 8, and 9, 1910, the first steps were taken looking to cooperation between the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in the South, in the production of missionary literature.

The General Synod Society, at its meeting in Louisville, Ky., May 9-12, 1911, indorsed this action and appointed Mrs. Charles E. Hay as its representative.

The General Council Federation at its organization meeting at Lancaster, Pa., took similar action and appointed Mrs. Charles L. Fry to serve as its representative.

The committee thus appointed held its first meeting in Philadelphia on April 17, 1912, the three members being present.

The work was begun in prayer with a deep realization of its importance.

Mrs. E. C. Cronk was made chairman and Mrs. Charles E. Hay, Secretary.

The cooperative imprint was adopted as follows: "Published by the Cooperative Literature Committee of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Lutheran church, (General Synod, General Council, United Synod in the South)." Each body is to add the address of its literature headquarters.

Agreement was reached as to basis for publication of literature and many important plans were discussed.

The following leaflets have been published: "Will You Form a Class?" "The Ringing Bells."

A "Book of Exercises and Recitations" is now in press, also nine leaflets in a "Lutheran Facts Series."

It is impossible to estimate the far reaching possiblities of this cooperation.

MRS. E. C. CRONK.

The department of Life Membership was presented to the Conference and the following members secured:

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ROLL.

Miss Constance Cline, Concord, N. C.
Mrs. J. A. Cline, Concord, N. C.
Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. W. J. Boger, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Miss C. A. Goerz, Savannah, Ga.
Mrs. J. H. Harms, Newberry, S. C.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to send the greetings of the Conference to Mrs. L. A. Fox, Mrs. M. S Evans, Mrs. M. S. Habenicht, Mrs. Kate Eargle, and to our missionaries in Japan.

At 3:30 p. m., the special program for the hour was followed, and a letter from Mrs. C. E. Weltner on Inner Mission work was read, after which the business session was continued.

The report of the Editorial Board, having been recommitted, the following recommendation was added:

We recommend that the committee be instructed to continue the present arrangement or make other satisfactory arrangement with the *Lutheran Church Visitor,* until the proposed missionary journal be established, or until the next meeting of this Conference, in case it be deemed unwise to publish such a journal.

The recommendation was adopted.

A demonstration, "How Not to Do It," was effectively rendered.

The Conference was dismissed with the benediction by Dr. Harms.

FIFTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8 P. M.

The following program was given. Hymn, "Lead Kindly Light"; devotional service, Rev. R. L. Patterson; greetings to the Conference from the United Synod, by the President, Dr. J. A. Morehead; address by Mrs. C. L. Fry, of Catasauqua, Pa.; Hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War"; address by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps; solo, "Fear Ye Not, O Israel," Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin; offering.

The closing devotional period was conducted by Mrs. Cronk, on the topic, "How to Incarnate the Vision."

The President announced the following appointments:

Literature Committee—Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Editor and Secretary of Literature; Miss Lottie Wyse, Miss Eva Grieshaber, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Mrs. J. H. Harms.

Editorial Board—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs J. H. Harms.

Thank-offering Secretary—Miss Helen I. Schmidt.

Secretary of Young People's Work—Miss Constance Cline.

Secretary of Children's Work—Mrs. J. H. Harms.

Life Membership Secretary—Mrs. W. J. Boger.

Mission Study Secretary—Miss Annie Milne.

Advisory Board to Board of Foreign Missions—Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Mrs. R. L. Patterson, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following report:

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

1. That we express to the people of the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., our sincere appreciation of the kind hospitality extended to us while in their midst.

2. That we thank most heartily the pastor and people of the Central Presbyterian church for the use of their church for our sessions.

3. That we tender to Mrs. Charles L. Fry our grateful thanks for her kind words of greeting and encouragement.

4. That we most heartily thank Miss Wu for giving us such an insight into the life of China.

5. That we thank the Atlanta press for the courtesies shown us.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. W. LESLIE,
MRS. J. G. BRINGMAN,
MISS CONSTANCE CLINE.

The Convention was then formally closed according to the regular order by the President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

Benediction by Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D.D.

MRS. W. J. BOGER, Acting Secretary

MRS. E. C. CRONK, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

Constitution.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Association shall be the Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

Its object shall be:

1. To advance, in every way possible, the supreme work of the Church in preaching the Gospel to every creature.

2. To unite all the Women's Synodical Societies in the United Synod for mutual strengthening and furthering of the work.

3. To cooperate with the Boards of Missions and Church Extension, and to unify the work of executing all the missionary undertakings of the woman's societies through the United Synod and its District Synods.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

The voting membership of this Conference shall consist of the officers, the department secretaries, and one member from each Synodical Society for every ten auxiliary societies in its membership. Where there is no Synodical Society, the societies in the synod shall be entitled to representation on the same basis, and the President of the Synod shall be asked to name the delegates.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The elective officers shall be a President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding and Statistical Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by ballot at each convention.

The Presidents of the Synodical Societies in the order of the organization of said societies shall be the Vice Presdents of this body.

ARTICLE V.—THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The officers of the Conference, together with the secretaries of all departments, shall constitute the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall direct the affairs of the Conference

between sessions, and shall meet annually at the call of the President.

Special meetings may be held at the call of five members.

Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI—ELECTIONS.

The officers shall be elected by ballot at the Biennial Convention and shall be formally introduced to the Conference at the closing session and shall assume the duties of their office at the close of the session.

ARTICLE VII—MEETINGS.

A meeting shall be held biennially at or near the time and place of the meeting of the United Synod.

ARTICLE VIII—FINANCES.

The Conference shall neither receive nor disburse the missionary funds of the societies, but shall direct that they be sent through the regular channels.

The Treasurer of the Conference shall be authorized to receive only the moneys given for the current expense fund of this Conference.

A contribution of $5 a year from each Synodical Society having less than 1,000 members and $10 a year from each Synodical Society having over 1,000 shall be asked for, to create and maintain a current expense fund.

Voluntary gifts from individuals or from local societies to this fund may be received by the Treasurer.

Any person contributing $10 to this fund shall be enrolled as a life member of the conference.

The single payment of $25 in memory of a friend shall constitute a membership "In Memoriam."

ARTICLE IX—AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Conference by vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided that such alteration or amendment has been proposed at a previous meeting and has been published in the Church papers two months before the meeting.

By-Laws.

ARTICLE I—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The President shall preside at all sessions of the Conference, shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for and shall call a special session at the request of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE II—VICE PRESIDENT.

The Vice President, in order, shall in the absence of the President, perform all the duties of the office, and cooperate with the President in furthering the general work.

ARTICLE III—RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings and prepare same for publication. She shall also give notice of all the conventions in the Church papers six weeks in advance.

ARTICLE IV—CORRESPONDING AND STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

The Corresponding and Statistical Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and collect all statistics of the Synodical Societies and report the same annually to the Executive Committee, and to the Conference at its biennial meeting.

ARTICLE V—TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall acknowledge all funds received and disburse them by signed order from the chairman of the Executive Committee.

She shall present a written statement of her receipts and disbursements annually to the Executive Committee and to the Conference at its biennial meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

Department Secretaries shall be appointed by the Executive Committee at each Conference, for developing different lines of special work. The Secretary of the work in each department shall cooperate with the secretaries of the same work in each of the Synodical Societies.

ARTICLE VII.—LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

A General Literature Committee of five shall be appointed by the

Executive Committee at the biennial conference to publish and provide the literature needed.

The Secretary or Chairman of each synodical literature committee shall be an advisory member of this committee.

ARTICLE VIII—EDITOR OF WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

An editor-in-chief for the Woman's Department of the *Visitor*, or for such other editorial work as may be recommended by the Conference, shall be elected at each meeting of the Conference. She shall be empowered to choose such assistants as she may need in her work.

ARTICLE IX—AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to these By-Laws may be made by a two-thirds vote at any regular convention.

STATISTICS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH

REV. A G. VOIGT, D.D., Dean

Location	Columbia, S. C.
Term begins	Third Wednesday in September
Term ends	First Wednesday in May
Volumes in Library	5,000
Faculty—	
Number of Professors	2
Number of Assistants	2
Total	4
Capacity—	
Students	28
Enrollment of Students (Last two years)—	
Matriculated	13
Graduated	9
In attendance, class of first year	6
In attendance, class of second year	7
In attendance, class of third year	8
Total number in attendance	21
Enrollment by Synods—	
North Carolina Synod	8
Tennessee Synod	6
South Carolina Synod	3
Virginia Synod	1
Southwestern Virginia Synod	1
Mississippi Synod	
Georgia Synod	2
Holston Synod	
Finances During Biennium (1910-1912)—	
Bequests	$ 6,000
Gifts in cash	800
Gifts in kind	350
Present Endowment	41,000

STATISTICS OF THE LUTHERAN ORPHAN HOME OF THE UNITED SYNOD

PROF. J. T. CRABTREE, Superintendent

Location	Salem, Va.
When Established	1888
Inmates—	
Teachers and Assistants	8
Male Children	49
Female Children	59
Total in Home	116
Additions in two years	20
Losses During Biennium (1910-1912)—	
By Death	
Otherwise	12
Estimated Value of All Property	$40,000
Finances for Biennium (1910-1912)—	
Gifts in kind	$ 1,300
Gifts in cash	13,826
Bequests	1,453
Total receipts	16,579

MISSIONS SUPPORTED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

No. of Missions	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	District Synod	Pastor	Appropriations by the Board			
						For Lot	For Building	Support for Two Years	Total
1	Greeneville	....	Tennessee	Holston	J. G. Graichen	$.....	$.....	$ 600 00	$ 600 00
2	Morristown	....	Tennessee	Holston	J. G. Graichen	.....	.....	*	*
3	Bristol	....	Tennessee-Virginia	S. W. Virginia	.....	.....	.....	500 00	500 00
4	Bluefield	....	West Virginia	S. W. Virginia	K. Y. Umberger	.....	.....	500 00	500 00
5	Graham	....	Virginia	S. W. Virginia	K. Y. Umberger	.....	.....	*	*
6	Spartanburg	....	South Carolina	South Carolina	S. T. Hallman	.....	.....	265 00	265 00
7	Olympia Mills	....	South Carolina	South Carolina	C. E. Weltner	.....	.....	400 00	400 00
8	Greensboro	....	North Carolina	North Carolina	J. E. Shenk	.....	.....	1500 00	1500 00
9	Lenoir	....	North Carolina	Tennessee	J. F. Deal	.....	.....	800 00	800 00
10	St. Petersburg	....	Florida	Georgia	H. J. Mathias	.....	.....	200 00	200 00
11	Lakeland	....	Florida	Georgia	H. J. Mathias	.....	1000 00	.....	1000 00
12	Birmingham	....	Alabama	Georgia	E. H. Copenhaver	.....	.....	600 00	600 00
13	Greenville	....	South Carolina	South Carolina	C. L. Miller	5000 00	.....	262 50	5262 50
	13 Misions		7 States	6 Synods	9 Pastors	$5000 00	$1000 00	$5627 50	$11627 50

*Appropriation for salary includes both missions in the amount stated above.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD

No. of Mission	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	No. of Members	S. S. Members	Church Lots	Church Houses	Parsonages	Value of the Church Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Woman's Memorial	1907	High Point, N. C.	M. L. Canup	77	134	1	1	...	$10500	....	$ 243	$ 243
2	St. Mark's	1907	Mooresville, N. C.	I. E. Long	62	89	1	1	...	6000	....	.....	.....
3	First Church	1910	Landis, N. C.	B. S. Brown	70	234	1	1	1	2500	....	200	200
4	Concordia	1882	Saw, N. C.	B. S. Brown	100	82	1	1	1	2000	....	*	*
5	Christ Church	1870	E. Spencer, N. C.	Geo. H. Cox	86	130	1	1	1	3500	....	200	200
6	Calvary	1905	Spencer, N. C.	Geo. H. Cox	30	48	1	...	...	350	....	*	*..
7	First Church	1905	Lexington, N. C.	V. Y. Boozer	76	69	1	1	1	11500	....	243	243
8	Grace	1911	Thomasville, N. C.	V. Y. Boozer	24	....	1	...	...	1000	....	100	100
9	St Andrew's	1893	Concord, N. C.	S. A. Zimbeck	61	130	1	1	1	5000	....	75	75
10	Mt. Hermon	1881	Cabarrus Co., N. C...	S. A. Zimbeck	84	67	1	1	...	600	....	*	*
11	Lebanon	1893	Barber, N. C.	Vacant	69	86	1	1	1	2500	....	150	150
12	Providence	1871	Mocksville, N. C.	Vacant	38	....	1	1	...	545	....	*	*
13	St. Matthew's	1847	Mocksville, N. C.	Vacant	47	26	1	1	...	900	....	*	*
14	Nazareth	1785	Rural Hail, N. C.	J. A. L. Miller	100	80	1	1	1	1800	....	154	154
15	Bethany	1889	Stokes Co., N. C.	J. A. L. Miller	31	70	1	1	...	800	....	*	*
16	Shiloh	1777	Forsyth Co., N. C.	J. A. L. Miller	46	41	1	1	...	1000	....	*	*
17	Liberty	1911	Liberty, N. C.	J. L. Morgan	15	....	..	...	...	.....	....	1400	1400
18	Raleigh	1911	Raleigh, N. C.	J. L. Morgan	22	....	..	...	...	.....	....	*	*
	18 Missions		10 Pastorates	8 Pastors	1038	1286	16	14	7	$50495	....	$2765	$2765

HOME MISSIONS OF THE GEORGIA SYNOD

1	Brunswick	1907	Brunswick, Ga.	T. B. Epting	29	20	11	1	...	$12600	....	$1000	$1000
2	Lakeland	1911	Lakeland, Fla.	H. J. Mathias	25	40	1	1	...	.....	....	1000	1000
3	St. Petersburg	1911	St. Petersburg, Fla.	H. J. Mathias	27	....		..	...	.....	....	*	*
	3 Misions			2 Pastors	81	60	2	2	...	$12600	....	$2000	$2000

*Appropriation for salary includes both missions in the amount stated above.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD

No. of Missions	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	No. of Members	S. S. Members	Church Lots	Church Houses	Parsonages	Value of the Church Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Immanuel	1902	Greenwood, S. C.	J. D. Kinard	47	40	1	1	...	$ 6500	....	$ 650	$ 650
2	Mayer Memorial	....	Newberry, S. C.	E. C. Witt	189	174	1	1	...	3900	....	135	135
3	St. Luke's	1902	Columbia, S. C.	C. E. Weltner	97	170	1	1	1	6000	....	500	500
4	St. James'	....	Sumter, S. C.	Vacant	40	49	1	1	...	4000	....	300	300
5	Mt. Pleasant	....	Saluda, S. C.	Vacant	46	49	1	1	1	2850	....	200	200
6	First Church	....	Greenville, S. C.	C. L. Miller	60	64	1	...	1	10000	....	120	120
7	Fairfax Pastorate	1906	Fairfax, S. C.	W. B. Aull	95	80	3	...	1	5000	....	300	300
8	Holy Trinity	....	Brookland, S. C.	Vacant	....	....		...	...	.....	....	35	35
9	St. Barnabas	....	Charleston, S. C.	Vacant	....	....	1	1	...	.....	....	.....	.....
10	Woman's Memorial	1902	Spartanburg, S. C.	S. T. Hallman	47	50	1	1	...	12500	....	.....	.....

HOME MISSIONS OF THE TENNESSEE SYNOD

1	Gap Creek	1897	Watauga Co., N. C.	J. A. Yount	13	....	1	...	1	$ 75	....	$ 400	$ 400
2	Mt. Pleasant	....	Watauga Co., N. C.	J. A. Yount	67	39	1	1	...	1300	....	*	*
3	Mt. Zion	1896	Watauga Co., N. C.	J. A. Yount	24	34	1	1	...	775	....	*	*
4	Holy Communion	....	Watauga Co., N. C.	J. A. Yount	43	28	1	1	...	800	....	*	*
5	Blowing Rock	1904	Watauga Co., N. C.	J. A. Yount	19	25	1	1	...	800	....	*	*
6	Morning Star	....	Union Co., N. C.	W. A. Deaton	40	25	1	1	1	1500	....	250	250
7	St. Luke's	....	Union Co., N. C.	W. A. Deaton	24	30	1	1	...	6000	....	*	*
8	Immanuel	....	Davidson Co., N. C.	A. L. Boliek	73	....	1	1	...	600	....	.....	.....
9	Lenoir	1908	Caldwell Co., N. C.	J. F. Deal	50	....	1	1	...	5000	400	.....	400
10	Bethany	1908	Catawba Co. N. C.	W. A. Deaton	50	125	1	1	...	1200	....	200	200
11	Calvary	1910	Burke Co., N. C.	W. A. Deaton	25	28	1	1	...	1200	....	200	200
12	St. Matthew's	1911	Caldwell Co., N. C.	A. L. Boliek	34	75	1	1	...	900	....	.....	.....
13	Bethel	....	Manassas, Va.	Vacant	67	60	1	1	1	5500	....	315	315
14	Trinity	....	Manassas, Va.	Vacant	25	41	1	1	...	700	....	*	*
	8 Missions			5 Pastors	554	510	14	13	3	$26350	$400	$1365	$1765

*Appropriation for salary includes both missions in the amount stated above.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE VIRGINIA SYNOD

No. of Missions	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	No. of Members	S. S. Members	Church Lots	Church Houses	Parsonages	Value of the Church Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Capon	....	Wardensville, W. Va...	H. E. H. Sloop.....	126	176	4	4	1	$ 4500	....	$ 150	$ 150
2	Muhlenburg	....	Harrisonburg, Va.....	E. L. Folk.....	80	72	1	1	...	5000	....	490	490
3	Rockingham	....	Rockingham Co., Va....	G. E. Shuey.....	106	145	3	3	1	4200	....	100	100
4	Waynesboro	....	Waynesboro, Va.....	J. F. Bruch.....	85	62	1	1	1	9000	....	100	100
5	Buena Vista	....	Buena Vista, Va.....	J. F. Bruch.....	18	....	1	1	...	1500	....	.....	50
6	Luther Memorial	1908	Portsmouth, Va.....	J. W. Shuey.....	81	57	1	1	1	15000	....	700	700
7	Trinity	....	Newport News, Va....	I. D. Worman.....	91	75	1	1	...	8000	....	400	400
7 Missions				6 Pastors	587	587	12	12	4	$47200	....	$1940	$1940

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD

1	Church of Redeemer..	1903	Bristol, Tenn.....	Vacant.....	83	69	1	1	...	$12000	$150	$ 75	$ 225
2	Immanuel.....	1889	Bluefield, W. Va.....	Rev. K. Y. Umberger...	48	56	1	1	1	8000	264	.....	264
3	Wartburg.....	1889	Graham, Va.....	Rev. K. Y. Umberger...	44	68	1	1	...	3500	*	.....	*
4	Christ Church.....	1891	Radford, Va.....	Vacant.....	59	51	1	1	...	4000	....	400	400
5	Woman's Memorial....	1888	Pulaski, Va.....	Vacant.....	72	59	1	1	1	6000	....	*	*
6	Holy Trinity.....	1903	Lynchburg, Va.....	Rev. E. C. Cooper.....	72	50	1	1	1	10000	....	350	350
6 Missions			4 Pastorates	2 Pastors	378	353	6	6	3	$43500	$414	$825	$1239

*Appropriation for salary includes both missions in the amount stated above.

STATISTICS OF THE JAPAN MISSION FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING NOVEMBER 12, 1912

No. of Missions	Stations	Native Population.	Forces in the Field														Schools								Membership			Finances	
			Preaching Places	Churches	Chapels Owned	Chapels Rented	Pastors' Homes	Mission Homes	Missionaries	Missionaries' Wives	Associate Missionaries	Associates' Wives	Native Pastors and Helpers	Total	Theological Seminary	Students	Kindergartens	Teachers	Scholars	Sunday Schools	Teachers and Officers	Scholars	Total in Schools	Infants Baptized in two years	Adults Baptized in two years	Enrolled Members	Resident Members	Given by the Missions	Appropriations by Board
1	Saga	30000	2	1	1	..	...	..	...	...	....	....	....	....	..	..	1	3	35	1	...	...	...	...	...	204	...	....	.....
2	Kumamoto	80000	3	1	..	..	1	1	...	...	....	....	....	....	1	5	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82	...	....	.....
3	Omuta	25000	1	..	..	1	...	..	...	...	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	....	.....
4	Hakata	75000	1	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	...	....	.....
5	Kokura	30000	1	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	...	....	.....
6	Ogi	5000	1	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	....	....	....	....	..	..	1	2	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	...	....	.....
7	Kurume	20000	1	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	...	....	.....
7	Missions	265000	10	2	1	1	1	1	5	3	2	2	6	1 18	1	5	2	5	65	1	30	555	660	30	43	546	255	$736	$29800

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS OF THE UNITED SYNOD

Index Number	DISTRICT SYNODS	When Organized	Ministers	Churches	Stations	Students for the Ministry	Catechumens
1	North Carolina	1803	52	72	2	21	1211
2	Tennessee	1820	52	142	3	12	1561
3	South Carolina	1824	51	84	....	3	620
4	Virginia	1829	34	59	....	1	330
5	Southwestern Virginia	1842	34	70	....	3	435
6	Mississippi	1855	4	12	....	1	71
7	*Georgia	1860	18	21	....	1	146
8	Holston	1861	7	25	....	....	205
	Total, - -	....	252	485	5	42	4579

*Report of 1911.

Index Number	Losses			Accessions					Membership			
	By Death	By Certificate	Other Losses	Infant Baptism	Adult Baptism	Confirmation	Certificate	Restoration	Baptized Members	Confirmed Members	Total Membership	Increase Confir'd Members since last meeting United Synod
1	114	149	182	378	43	341	220	14	3766	9570	13336	593
2	175	186	156	564	....	427	214	....	6676	12376	19052	1313
3	177	240	136	399	30	321	300	7	3196	10860	14056	.....
4	80	68	17	144	142	164	137	17	844	6129	6973	63
5	52	32	44	79	61	56	85	3	1621	5230	6851	234
6	3	4	....	11	4	13	3	1	638	725	1363	.....
7	38	65	44	115	14	91	103	15	1613	3716	5329	157
8	18	8	....	40	....	60	....	....	700	1645	2345	40
	657	752	579	1730	324	1473	1062	57	19054	50251	69305	2400

Index Number	Decrease Confir'd Members since last meeting United Synod	Finances			Sunday Schools		
		Estimated Value of all Church Property	Indebtedness	All Local Expenses by Congregation	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars
1	.....	$ 442235 00	$ 28934 53	$ 44071 02	60	759	7880
2	.....	358935 00	.....	33807 75	88	855	7390
3	220	496588 00	28329 72	40331 06	74	759	6173
4	.....	419875 00	44673 67	37452 63	52	602	4837
5	.....	224715 00	10562 77	14961 25	60	623	4339
6	92	.....	.....	.....	9	43	326
7	.....	311850 00	16557 91	27365 23	.....	278	1915
8	.....	56500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	312	$2310698 00	$ 129058 60	$197988 94	343	3919	32860

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Parochial Statistics of the United Synod—Concluded

Index Number	Sunday Schools		Y. P. & Chld'ns Societ's			Benevolence	
	Local Expenses by the School	Benevolence by Schools	No. of Members	Local Expenses by the Societies	Benevolence by the Societies	Synodical Treasury	Home Missions
1	$ 3951 99	$ 982 12	2085	$3497 08	$1787 37	$ 855 79	$1901 54
2	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1366 20	664 41
3	3723 11	.....	1066	1184 07	854 30	2873 44	1600 68
4	2912 94	1349 18	303	618 93	357 97	.....	.....
5	1425 43	368 89	250	458 57	365 61	104 93	1065 92
6	41 83	.....	....	.....	.....	100 06	.....
7	2084 08	657 12	814	325 96	665 83	723 64	1408 40
8	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$14139 38	$3359 31	4518	$6084 61	$4031 08	$6021 06	$6640 95

Index Number	Benevolence							
	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Theological Seminary and Colleges	Ministerial Education	W. H. & F. M. Societies	Pastor's Fund	Orphan Home	
1	$ 1602 31	$112 00	$ 834 86	$ 418 30	$2571 44	$ 8 08	$ 701 69	
2	2364 30	.....	2236 38	1000 00	.....	264 00	584 99	
3	3953 81	258 21	5245 65	1235 62	3216 86	56 40	1065 14	
4	.....	.....	.....	.....	556 21	.....	.....	
5	1880 35	139 93	1097 43	91 37	1329 96	71 83	567 94	
6	27 47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	
7	1357 50	112 59	127 07	70 50	543 49	197 02	168 25	
8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	$11185 74	$622 73	$9541 39	$2815 79	$8217 96	$597 33	$3093 01	

Index Number	Benevolence				
	Aid Societies	External Objects	Total Local Expenses	Total Benevolence	Grand Total
1	$.....	$.....	$ 51520 09	$11775 50	$ 63295 59
2	.....	1355 40	.....	.....	.....
3	3010 75	2921 61	45238 24	26293 47	71531 71
4	1349 93	4456 48	40984 50	23708 97	64693 47
5	1120 48	.....	17965 73	7084 16	25049 89
6	.....	.....	41 83	132 53	174 36
7	450 13	1252 59	34628 43	7734 13	42362 56
8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$5931 29	$9986 08	$190378 82	$76728 76	$267107 58

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Time and Place of Next Meeting.

Place—St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, N. C.

Time—1916. Month and day left with Executive Committee and Pastor loci.

MINUTES

of the

FOURTEENTH CONVENTION

of the

UNITED SYNOD

of the

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The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South convened in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbia, S. C., November 10, 1914, at 10 o'clock a. m., and began the exercises of its Fourteenth regular session.

The Preparatory and Communion Services were conducted by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, Scripture reading and Nicene Creed by Rev. S. T. Hallman, with the Synodical Sermon by Rev. J. A. Morehead.

The Holy Communion was administered to the members of Synod, Theological Students, and visiting ministers.

FIRST SESSION.

Tuesday, November 10, 1914, 12 M.

The Synod was opened by the use of the prescribed form, and the clerical and lay delegates enrolled.

Roll of Synod.

(No. 1.)

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Clerical.—Geo. W. Rhodes, Chas. K. Hunton, W. R. Brown, L. A. Fox, D.D., J. B. Greiner, D.D., K. Y. Umberger.
Lay.—A. B. Greiner, M.D., H. L. Bonham, G. B. Morehead, Geo. D. Brown, H. D. Derrick, A. P. Snider.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Clerical.—C. F. W. Hoppe, D.D., W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., M. J. Epting, D.D., T. W. Shealy, John Hall.

Lay.—H. E. Dreeson, J. M. Gnann, H. C. Schmidt, J. Henry Meyer, C. H. Koneman.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Clerical.—J. Luther Frantz, W. H. Roof.
Lay.—A. P. Harkins, J. M. Kinser.

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

Clerical.—T. B. Epting.
Lay.—K. A. Livingston.

Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., of the General Council, and Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D.D., special committee on general conference from the General Synod, were received.

The President read his report, which was received and referred to Committee on President's Report.

(No. 2.)

Report of President.

Dear Fathers and Brethren in Christ:

Today another biennium of the life of the United Synod comes to a close. So much of the history of this body has been made. The fruits of the service of the Church for this period, with their imperfections and their virtues, are now laid before the great Head of the Church. Doubtless all must feel that there is much for which it is ours to pray for pardon and yet through the mercy and goodness of Almighty God there is much also that calls for gratitude and praise unto Him Whose we are and Whom we serve. To His great name be all the honor and glory now and evermore. Amen.

Since no man liveth unto himself, no part of the Church can be insensible to the afflictions that in the providence of God have come to His people in other parts of the world. The great war centering in Europe, involving as it does so many nations and affecting the life and work of so large a part of the Christian Church, even many of our own Lutheran Zion, appeals profoundly to the sympathy of this body and should claim any cooperation possible for the relief of suffering and for the rescue of the Foreign Mission work of German Lutherans that may be in jeopardy. It is meant also that prayer should be made that wars may cease. May it not indeed be possible that this terrible conflict, with its hatreds and wrongs, properly compels to humil-

iation and prayer the entire church of God on earth? In the past history of the Church, our Heavenly Father has frequently used great affliction to deepen spiritual life, to strengthen the hold of faith on God's Word, and to increase the spirit and power of heroic service among His people. If the effect of the war should be to incline the minds of men to consider more seriously the deeper issues of life, certainly the Church should not neglect the opportunity to preach the Word with increasing faithfulness everywhere that larger numbers of those who have been indifferent, worldly, and unbelieving may be turned to faith.

In regard to the progress of the United Synod in its specific field during the past biennium, there are evidences of a lively interest throughout the Church in greater unity and efficiency of administration. There is concern for the effectiveness of every individual department of the work, in harmony between the several departments, in wise and comprehensive programs of work for each biennium, and in practical efficiency in the execution of its plans by the United Synod as a whole. It is unquestionably well for this body to emphasize the ideal of efficiency in establishing and promoting agencies for the accomplishment of its missions. By giving to every problem of organization and every demand of the broadening work of the Church the best available talent, by God's blessing and guidance, all issues will in due time be successfully met.

THE DISPOSITION OF FORCES.

Gratifying progress has already been made in the organization of means by which the United Synod shall do its work. ***The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension*** has been **duly** constituted to care for the work of planting new congregations for the advancement of the Kingdom of God in our own territory. This department of the work has its special problems. Touching one of them, the Committee on the Unification of Home Missions will report at this convention. Another that occupies every thoughtful mind is that of adequately planting the Lutheran Church in great centers of population like Birmingham and Chattanooga, the occupation of which has already begun. Besides, there must also arise the more searching question of the possession of cities already occupied by the establishment of a first church. The first churches in our larger cities, which have been established by the home missionary activity of this body, should lead to new missionary efforts in those centers of population. Here should also be mentioned the fact that a considerable foreign Lutheran population (German and Scandinavian) has

already settled in Norfolk, if not in other parts of our territory. As the development of the resources of the South continues, this problem of caring for various peoples from different Lutheran lands will become more acute. This body will receive full information in regard to the conduct of its Home Mission work from the Board. *The Board of Foreign Missions* has been charged with the care of the activity of the Southern Church in the foreign field. As in the past, no doubt this board will present an ample report with recommendations for the development of the work. The Japan Mission grows rapidly on our hands. The missionaries feel deeply the necessity of ampler financial resources to meet opportunities for evangelization through school work and by preaching of the Word. The church at home feels the stress of calls from every side. Asking permission on one hand to counsel patience on the part of our missionaries and on the other courage on the part of the Church, I feel that this body cannot but face the duty of doing as liberal things for the Japan work as may be possible with a due regard to obligations for the development of the other work of the Church. The work of *Inner Missions* had its beginning in the United Synod with the taking-over, support, and control of the Orphan Home at Salem, Va. This work has realized encouraging growth. In fact, the necessity of ampler equipment confronts the authorities of the Home in order that applicants having claims upon the Church may be provided for. Here as elsewhere, therefore, the problem of efficiency presses. What shall the United Synod undertake with a view to enlarging the accommodations of the Orphan Home? And, more important still, has the Home been provided with the means to prepare every child according to its gifts to become a self-supporting and useful member of society? Since according to advanced educational thinking every child is not by nature fitted to be best prepared for life by a higher education, should not proper means of vocational training be given such children in the Home? No doubt the authorities of our Orphan Home are studying these problems of efficiency and will in due course recommend action. The study of sociological conditions in the South has led this body to take a further step in organizing for work in the field of Inner Missions. The lack of arrangements for the care of the aged and afflicted, the growth of the mill population, and the increase of the number of large cities in the South with their inevitable calls for special social service prompted this body at its Atlanta convention to constitute the new *Inner Mission and Deaconess Board.* This was an important step towards the completion of our organization for work in a department not fully occupied.

The Theological Seminary of the United Synod at Columbia will of course receive ample attention in the consideration of the report of the Board of Directors. The giving of this school of the prophets a permanent and commodious home in the city of Columbia and the retention of a third professor for the Chair of Practical Theology are significant advances in the development of our institution for theological education. The training of efficient and consecrated pastors is essential to the progress of every other department of church work. The general usefulness of the Seminary will be conditioned only by its being equipped and manned up to the point where its work will be equivalent to the best in the land. *The Board of Publication,* comprehending within its functions the publication of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings,* the Book of Worship and the Sunday School Hymnal, stands for a cause of the Church that touches the welfare and efficiency of every other interest. The production and distribution of a genuinely Christian literature become increasingly important in these days of unwholesome periodicals and books. While most of the schools and colleges within the bounds of the United Synod are connected with the district synods, this body felt so deeply the necessity of greater emphasis on Christian education in its work that at the Atlanta convention a new *Board of Education* was established. It is believed that this new agency can find an important field of service within our bounds, especially by the education of the people on the subject of Christian or true education. This body has reason to be thankful to God for the eminently helpful co-operation given by *auxiliary agencies,* particularly *the Woman's Missionary Conference* and the societies it represents together with *the Laymen's Missionary Movement.* With the completer organization of the United Synod for the carrying on of its work broadly and efficiently through its various departments, the question naturally arises, has the time come when the interests of the Church and the progress of the Kingdom of God will best be subserved by the direction of the Laymen's Movement towards the accomplishment of the entire program of the United Synod in every department of its varied work? Every branch of the work of the congregation, of the District Synod, and of the United Synod needs the business wisdom, the consecrated effort, and financial leadership of the laymen of the Church.

THE STRENGTHENING OF OUR POSITION.

Besides the review of the various constituted agencies for advancing the work of the United Synod, it is desired also to present

for your consideration certain interests which seem to require special emphasis at this convention.

1. *Sunday School Work.*—There has been gratifying interest in many of the District Synods in the adoption of ways and means to increase the efficiency of the Sunday schools of the Church. Particularly has the Sunday School Normal been employed helpfully when conducted a considerable length of time. However, the main problem has been to make available for any considerable number of officers and teachers the body of expert knowledge that would contribute so much to their usefulness in this branch of congregation work. Under American conditions, the Sunday school as an agency for Christian education seems to be an indispensable part of our organized work. It must be made efficient. Trained teachers and good officers are a necessity. It is recommended that the United Synod suggest a uniform plan for the improvement of Sunday schools to the District Synods and also adopt any practicable measures to aid them in this vital work.

2. *Christian Education* in the schools and colleges of the Church should be made the subject of special prayer and effort by pastors and people in all our District Synods. The people need to understand that Christian education is a church work, that our schools and colleges must be supported liberally, that the sons and daughters of the Church should be educated in them as far as possible, and that our schools and colleges in their several grades should conform to recognized standards. It is recommended that this body put itself on record in regard to the necessity of higher Christian education for the progress of the Church and the duty of the people in the premises.

3. *The Efficiency of the Ministry of the Church* is conditioned not only by long and expensive preparation but also by adequate support. The increased cost of living, the need of freedom from anxiety about material affairs, and the necessity of being able to command the means of intellectual and spiritual growth are among the many reasons for setting a higher standard in the matter of ministerial support. It is held to be unquestionably true that the best results for progress cannot be secured, either in local congregations, or in the general work of the Church, unless such liberal support of the ministry be provided as shall enable the Church to develop and command efficient men. Therefore, for the counsel of the people, it is recommended that this body express its conception of the proper standard at which the people should aim in ministerial support.

4. The practical attitude of the United Synod towards the Negro race in the South has been the subject of discussion

privately and in the *Lutheran Church Visitor* for several bienniums. For years, the question of the duty of the Lutheran Church in this connection has been on the consciences of many individuals. More than a year ago, the Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the General Council, offered to the United Synod an ordained Lutheran minister of the Negro race for whom he has not been able to find a suitable field at the North. This grave problem should be faced with courage and resolution. In the survey of the territory in which God has called this body to advance His kingdom, at once it appears that the Negroes constitute a considerable part of the population. Have the Negroes in the South been Christianized? Is there a field still open for work for this race without proselyting? What is the civic duty of the Southern church in the premises? Is there really a call to this body to advance the Kingdom of God among the black people? It is recommended that a special committee be appointed to investigate the field, to study thoroughly the problem, and to propose action at the next convention.

GENERAL RELATIONS.

The unification of the Lutheran forces in America, both in the basal realm of inner faith and expressed doctrinal position and in the structural realm of co-operation and achievement, has been and is a subject of deepest prayerful and practical interest for the United Synod. In relation to this body, the signs of the times, evidencing progress in unity and co-operation, are very encouraging. The Common Service and co-operation with the General Council and the Danish Synod in foreign mission work in Japan are accomplished facts. The Committees on Common Book of Worship and on Common Sunday School Literature are at work with similar committees representing other general bodies. This body's Committee on Fraternal Co-operation will report progress in regard to the plans maturing for the Four Hundredth Anniversary Celebration of the Reformation in 1917. The General Synod, the General Council, the United Synod, the United Norwegian Synod, and the Joint Synod of Ohio have already committed themselves to co-operation in this great celebration. The *American Lutheran Survey*, now established and published at Columbia, is welcomed as a new agency which promises to be an influential medium making for unification. To the great Head of the Church, gratitude and praise are due for this growing spirit of unity.

5. It is recommended that the plan of a standing committee on Fraternal Co-operation be continued.

Under date of August 27, 1913, a communication was received from Rev. A. Pflueger, English Secretary of the Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States, conveying the request of his body for the appointment of an Intersynodical Committee of Arbitration by the United Synod in the interest of harmony and peace among the various bodies of the Lutheran Church. In relation to the subject of the foregoing paragraph and in itself, this action of the Joint Synod is most pleasing.

6. It is recommended that a committee be appointed to consider the request and report at this convention.

The Lutheran Church cannot be indifferent to sincere and conservative efforts to promote unity in the Christian church at large. In this connection, a letter from the Rt. Rev. Chas. P. Anderson, D.D., Bishop of Chicago, inviting this body to participate in the proposed World Conference on Faith and Order, is referred to you for consideration.

7. It is recommended that a special committee be appointed to suggest action on this subject at the present meeting, if practicable.

Praying God's blessing upon all the work of the United Synod and thanking you for your kind consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MOREHEAD.

The order of daily sessions was fixed at from 9:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. after today.

The election of officers was as follows:

Officers of Synod.

Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., President.

Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Vice President.

Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D., Secretary.

Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D.D., Statistical Secretary.

Mr. J. E. Cooper, Treasurer.

On motion, the services at 8 p. m. this evening, at Ebenezer Lutheran church, will be a discussion of Home and Foreign Missions.

The Synod adjourned, to be reconvened at 3 p. m.

Prayer by Rev. L. G. M. Miller.

SECOND SESSION.

Tuesday, November 10, 1914, 3 P. M.

Synod convened and was opened with prayer by Rev. Geo. H. Cox.

The Secretary read the Rules of Order.

The Minutes of last convention were referred to Committee on Minutes.

The Treasurer read his report, which was received and referred to Committee on Treasurer's Report.

(No. 3.)

Report of Treasurer.

J. E. Cooper, Treasurer, in Account with the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

DEBITS.

1912.			
Nov.	13.	To bal. in treasury (page 14, Minutes 1912) .$	2 31
	21.	To cash received in offerings during Atlanta Convention	66 39
		To cash received from Treasurer Mississippi Synod (in full and $2.22 overpay)	13 10
	29.	To cash received from J. M. Kinzer, Treas. Holston Synod	8 23
		To cash from Southwest Virginia Synod, per Mr. C. H. Duls	3 03
1913.			
Jan.	24.	To cash from M. Coffman, Treas. Va. Synod.	30 65
	27.	To cash from M. Coffman, Treas. Va. Synod.	47 85
Feb.	10.	To cash from Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod	50 00
	17.	To cash interest on F. P. Cover fund.....	299 73
Apr.	3.	To cash from Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Virginia Synod	4 94
Jun.	6.	To cash from Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Virginia Synod	6 03
Aug.	1.	To cash from Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Virginia Synod	100 97
	18.	To cash interest on F. P. Cover fund.....	299 56
Sep.	4.	To cash from Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Virginia Synod	*1 88
Oct.	27.	To cash from J. M. Gnann, Treas. Georgia Synod	37 16

		To cash from J. M. Kinzer, Treas. Holston Synod	8 23
	28.	To cash from M. Coffman, Treas. Va. Synod.	30 65
Nov.	8.	To cash from J. D. Heilig, Treas. N. C. Synod	47 85
1914.			
Feb.	24.	To cash interest on F. P. Cover fund	299 41
May	6.	To cash from Lutheran Board of Publication for Royalties on Book Worship to March 31, 1914	491 27
July	17.	To cash from M. Coffman, Treas. Va. Synod (in full)	30 65
Aug.	17.	To cash interest on F. P. Cover fund.....	300 00
	20.	To cash from J. M. Kinzer, Treas. Holston Synod (in full)	8 23
Sep.	28.	To cash from J. M. Gnann, Treas. Georgia Synod (in full)	18 58
Oct.	8.	To cash from M. L. Mauney, Treas. Tenn. Synod	394 98
	12.	To cash from J. D. Heilig, Treas. N. C. Synod (in full)	47 85
Nov.	9.	To cash from A. H. Kohn, Treas. S. C. Synod	108 60
			$ 2,758 13

*Overpay of 38c.

Credits.

1912.			
Nov.	21.	Paid Rev. W. H. Greever, Publ'tion Interests.	$ 6 61
		Paid C. M. Efird, Treas. Theological Seminary	6 61
		Paid John A. Cline, Treas. Foreign Mission Board	12 15
		Paid T. Edgar Johnston, Treas. Board Home Missions	12 16
		Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. Orphan Home....	14 43
		Paid Rev. W. H. Greever, Board of Deaconnesses and Inner Missions.....	14 43

The six items preceding were the Offerings at Atlanta Convention.

	18.	Paid Sexton's fee at Atlanta.....	5 00
	16.	Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, stationery, etc., 1910-12 term	3 00
	29.	Paid Rev. Geo. H. Cox, sal'y Statistical Sec'y	10 00
1913.			
Jan.	27.	Paid one-half sal'y Rev. S. T. Hallman, Sec'y	25 00

		Paid Refund Mr. C. H. Duls (Page 12 last minutes)	30 69
		Paid Rev. C. A. Freed, Delegate expenses to meeting of Gen. Synod, last Biennium.....	20 00
Feb.	10.	Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, Sec'y, balance salary	25 00
	17.	Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. Orphan Home, semi-annual interest F. P. Cover fund....	269 76
		Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard Int. F. P. Cover fund	29 97
May	28.	Paid Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses on Common Book of Worship Committee	17 35
Jun.	2.	Paid Rev. E. C. Cronk, expenses on Common Book of Worship Committee	22 50
Aug.	12.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, expenses on Common Book of Worship Committee	18 30
	19.	Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. Orphan Home, semi-annual Int. F. P. Cover fund.....	269 60
		Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard, interest F. P. Cover fund	29 96
Oct.	27.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, balance, principal and interest on loan from Seminary fund.....	105 65
	29.	Paid Rev. A. W. Ballentine, refund of overpay on assessment Mississippi Synod.....	2 22
Nov.	29.	Paid Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses Common Book of Worship	35 00
		Paid Rev. E. C. Cronk, expenses Common Book of Worship	28 00
1914.			
Feb.	23.	Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. Orphan Home, interest semi-annual F. P. Cover fund....	269 47
		Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard, Int. F. P. Cover fund	29 94
May	2.	Paid Lutheran Board of Publication, bill printing minutes, express and postage.....	491 27
July	13.	Paid Rev. E. C. Cronk, expenses two meetings on Common Book of Worship	33 08
	17.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, expenses on Common Book of Worship	36 00
Aug.	17.	Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. Orphan Home semi-annual interest F. P. Cover fund.....	270 00
		Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard, int. F. P. Cover fund	30 00
		Balance in treasury	584 98
			$ 2,758 18

ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

Statements of amounts due this treasury from the several District Synods have been regularly forwarded to their proper officials. These statements included any balances reported due in 1912 minutes and the standing assessment of half a cent per capita for each of the years 1912, 1913 and 1914.

Six of the District Synods have paid in full their assessments to this date. The following is a statement of the balances due this treasury.

Tennessee Synod—assessment for 1914, $61.83.

South Carolina Synod—assessment for 1914, $54.30.

ALL INDEBTEDNESS PAID.

The indebtedness of $100 with interest, on loan from Theological Seminary Library Fund, has been paid in full.

SPECIAL FUNDS.

1. The F. P. Cover fund of $10,000 is still invested by the Real Estate Loan and Guarantee Company, of Charlotte, North Carolina in mortgages upon real estate, at six per cent. interest. Interest, amounting to $1,198.70 for the Biennium, has been paid semi-annually. In compliance with the provisions of the testator's will, $1,078.83 has been paid to the Treasurer of the Orphan Home and $119.87 to Rev. J. A. Huffard, pastor of Ebenezer church, Browntown, Virginia. The bonds and mortgages of this fund are submitted to the Committee on Treasurer's Report.

2. The Mrs. S. C. Swigert $2,000 Beneficiary Education Fund, page 12, minutes of 1910. This fund remains on deposit in the Bank of Forest, Miss.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Convention were printed by our Board of Publication at a cost, including the expense of distribution, of $491.27. The Board of Publication and the Committee on the Common Book of Worship, which were given power at the last Convention to fix the royalty on the Book of Worship, agreed to accept the bills for printing the minutes in 1910 and those in 1912 as settlement in full for all royalty demands until March 31, 1914.

SOURCES OF REVENUE.

1. Per capita assessment of half a cent, as provided by Standing Resolution.

2. Royalty on sales of Book of Worship from April 1, 1914, namely, three per cent. of selling price on all styles of binding.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. COOPER.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

The undersigned Committee on Treasurer's Report respectfully report: The Treasurer has in his possession and has exhibited to us securities aggregating $10,000 and covering the F. P. Cover Fund. We have examined his cash account and find the same correct, all disbursements being evidenced by proper vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. CROMER,
WM. P. HOUSEAL,
A. P. HARKINS,
G. B. MOREHEAD,
HENRY E. DREESON.

The following committees were announced:

(No. 4.)

Standing Committees.

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D.D., Rev. Chas. K. Hunton, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Mr. J. F. Ficken, Dr. C. O. Miller.

2. *On Minutes of Last Convention.*—Rev. V. Y. Boozer, Rev. Enoch Hite, Rev. Jas. D. Kinard, Messrs. Jno. D. Barrier and Jacob Umlauf.

3. *On District Synod.*—Rev. B. S. Brown, Rev. P. E. Monroe, Rev. E. A. Repass, Ph.D., Messrs. J. M. Gnann and R. W. Frick.

4. *On Devotional Services.*—The pastors of St. Paul and Ebenezer churches and officers of Synod.

5. *On The Theological Seminary.*—Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Prof. S. J. Derrick, Mr. John A. Cline.

6. *On Board of Education.*—Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., Rev. L. L. Lohr, Rev. Edw. Fulenwider, Dr. A. B. Greiner, Prof. E. S. Dreher.

7. *On Orphan Home.*—Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, Rev. P. E. Monroe, Messrs. W. K. Shealy and P. G. Rhyne.

8. *On Home Missions.*—Rev. J. H. Harms, D.D., Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., Messrs. A. H. Snider, G. C. Hine and Dr. C. L. Kibler, Rev. W. J. Finck.

9. *On Foreign Missions.*—Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D.D., Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, D.D., Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., Rev. Geo. H. Rhodes, Messrs. Kenneth Baker, and H. L. Bonham and Dr. Geo. B. Cromer.

10. *On Board of Publication.*—Rev. L. A. Fox, D.D., Rev. E. A. Shenk, Rev. J. L. Cromer, Rev. J. J. Long, Messrs. J. E. Cooper, A. P. Snider, and M. F. Wheeler.

11. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., Rev. J. B. Greiner, Rev. W. L. Darr, Rev. W. H. Roof and Messrs. P. C. Price, W. T. Stauffer and H. D. Derrick.

12. *On Finance.*—Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., Rev. Jno. D. Mauney, Rev. K. Y. Umberger, Rev. J. Luther Frantz, and Dr. G. Y. Hunter, Prof. Geo. F. McAllister and Mr. A. H. Kohn.

13. *To Audit Treasurer's Report.*—Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, and Messrs. W. P. Houseal, G. B. Morehead, H. E. Dreeson and A. P. Hawkins.

14. *On Church Literature.*—Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, Rev. J. M. Senter, Rev. C. W. Cassell and Messrs. J. H. Rehder and C. H. Koneman.

15. *To Nominate Fraternal Delegates.*—Rev. Edw. Fulenwider, Rev. O. W. Aderholdt, Rev. T. W. Shealy and Messrs. J. W. Cress and H. C. Schmidt.

The following Press Committee was appointed: Revs. Geo. H. Rhodes, Edward Fulenwider and J. J. Scherer, Jr.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the words "Committee on Report of Board of Education" be substituted for "Committee on Literary Institutions," item 6, Rules of Order.

Board of Foreign Missions reported. Report received and referred to the proper committee.

(No. 5.)

Report of the Board of Foreign Missions for the Biennium, October 15, 1912, to October 15, 1914.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

Robert C. Holland, of the North Carolina Synod.
W. A. Deaton, of the Tennessee Synod.
M. O. J. Kreps, of the South Carolina Synod.

J. H. Murphy, of the Mississippi Synod.
M. J. Epting, of the Georgia Synod.
J. M. Lichtenwanger, of the Holston Synod.
J. E. Cooper, of the Virginia Synod.
H. L. Bonham, of the Southwestern Virginia Synod.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Board are as follows:
Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., Columbia, S. C., *President and General Secretary.*
Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., Columbia, S. C., *Recording Secretary.*
Mr. John A. Cline, Concord, N. C., *Treasurer, and Advisory Member of the Board.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This Committee consists of the Officers of the Board and Mr. J. E. Cooper, and Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D.

THE FOREIGN FIELD.

The work of the United Synod has been confined to the Island Kyushu, whose population is about 7,000,000. As to need and opportunity, this field is one of the most inviting in the Empire of Japan.

OUR WORKING FORCE.

Our missionaries now under appointment of the Board are as follows:

	Date of Arrival in Japan.
C. L. Brown, D.D.,* Kumamoto	1898 and 1908
C. K. Lippard, D.D.,* Saga	1900 and 1908
Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, Saga	1906
Rev. L. S. G. Miller, Hakata	1907
Rev. C. W. Hepner, Kumamoto	1912
Miss Martha B. Akard, Saga	1914
Miss Mary Lou Bowers, Saga	1914

Adding Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Lippard, Mrs. Stirewalt and Mrs. Miller, the number of our missionaries is eleven.

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*These two missionaries and their wives have served 16 and 14 years respectively.

OUR NATIVE WORKERS.

Rev. R. Yamanouchi.	Rev. Takimoto.
Evangelist Wasa.	Evangelist Kitakoga.
Catechist Takahashi.	Evangelist Kawasaki.
Evangelist Washiyama.	Catechist Honda.

BIBLE AND KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS.

Mrs. Yamanouchi.	Mrs. Nonaka.
Miss Tanaka.	Mrs. Ogawa.
Miss Hattori.	Miss Aso.
Miss Matsui.	Miss Terada.

Rev. N. Yamanouchi was transferred by our mission to the General Council Mission over a year ago, to meet a need in Tokyo, and thus it is that his name does not appear in foregoing list. Mr. Kitakoga is fulfilling his place at Hakata and vicinity.

THE SUPPORT OF THE WORKING FORCE.

The support of these stations and missionaries devolve almost entirely upon the home churches. The three organized churches defray local expenses apart from pastor's salary. The average support given native evangelists is from $250 to $300 per year. That of Bible women about $100 per year. The support of our missionaries, according to scale adopted by joint action of ourselves and General Council, remains the same as heretofore, except that where there are children in the family, an allowance is made for each child. This means, in our Mission, an advance of from eight to nine hundred dollars per year.

The entire cost of maintaining the Mission, (omitting the Mission School, the support of the distinctly woman's work, represented by two additional missionaries, and buildings and cost of furloughs) and administration expenses is $16,375.

The income of the Mission School must be supplemented by $7,700, of this the General Council Board pays $2,566 and we pay the residue, $5,133.

For furloughs and building and upkeep, we must allow at least $5,000. The sum total needed is $26,500. The Board is therefore under the necessity of asking for an annual apportionment of not less than $25,000.

We do not include in the above estimate the cost of the work the women have undertaken, whereby two young ladies have been sent out. This involves a present cost of $2,100. As the work progresses the expenses will slightly increase. This special

work is sustained by the Woman's Missionary Conference, over and above what they have been giving to the Mission heretofore.

During the year October 15, 1912, to October 15, 1913, $21,222, and during the year just closed $26,665, were expended in support of the cause.

We were forced to borrow the sum of $5,000 to meet the actual cost of maintaining the Mission during this biennium.

THE WORK IN JAPAN.

1. *Evangelistic.* The three principal stations occupied by our United Synod mission are as follows:

Saga, a city of 37,000. Here we have a church, a missionary's home, a home for native kindergarten teachers, and a kindergarten school building, with forty children. Two Sunday schools with enrollment of 200. Notwithstanding scores of removals of members, there are now thirty in regular attendance, and fifteen at the prayer meeting. Baptisms during the biennium were twenty-two.

Kumamoto, a city of 80,000. Here is located our Mission School. Here we have a church, a missionary's home, and a home for native pastor. The membership in regular average attendance is fifty. The enrollment in Bible classes and Sunday school is 200. Baptisms and confirmations during the year is seventeen. The eight theological students are actively engaged in Church work, who together with the candidates in preparation, are twelve in number. Scores of Christians have gone out from this church, and must be classified as members removed.

Hakata, a city of 80,000, and the most aggressive in Kyushu. Though recently occupied, this station promises encouraging results. Regular church attendance, 25. In the city and outlying villages we have five Sunday schools, with an enrollment of 250. Regular kindergarten schools with thirty children. Rev. Miller is missionary in charge. In his absence Rev. Stirewalt is overlooking the work.

Among the minor stations, Omuta and Ogi are the most important. In the former we have a chapel, the Chisolm Memorial, and at latter a kindergarten school building—Setzler Memorial. Ten inquirers and seven baptisms for 1913. Kindergarten and Sunday schools enroll 140 scholars.

During the twenty years, occupied largely in laying the foundation stones, there have been gathered into the kingdom an average of twenty-seven souls annually.

2. *Educational—The Mission School.* In November, 1909, negotiations for the purchase of an eight acre site for the Mission

School in the city of Kumamoto were consummated, the purchase price being $13,600. At this date, November, 1912, the buildings completed are dormitory for 100 students, dining room and kitchen, gymnasium, two professors' houses, and the main building for administration and class room purposes, and the Science Hall, at cost of land and buildings of $56,000.

To this have been added $5,000 for improvement of the grounds, and general equipment. The fourth session opened in April last, 1914, most auspiciously, with an enrollment of 400 students. The endorsement of the Educational Department of the empire is unreserved and students are admitted to corresponding grades in the government schools without examination. This is a school of five years' course, and is supplemented by a theological school of three years' course. There are eight students in this department. The entire school has a faculty of twenty, Dr. C. L. Brown, of our Mission, being Dean. The dormitory and dining rooms are self-supporting, but the annual cost of the school must be supplemented to the extent of $7,700 by the Mission Board.

This School, "The Kyushu Gakuin," has more than met the expectation of its founders and supporters. The supreme purpose of the school is to provide native evangelists to go out into the field, and they in turn are helping to replenish the number of candidates through their evangelistic services in stations occupied. Thus the evangelistic and educational departments complement each other, and neither can fulfill its proper mission without the other.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER LUTHERAN BODIES.

The past biennum has served to illustrate more fully the nature and harmony of cooperation with our brethren of the United Danish Church of America, and the General Council. The former remains close neighbor, occupying Kurume as its central station. They have two married missionaries, and several native evangelists, and are proposing to enlarge their field by taking up an important station in the extreme northen border of Kyushu. Rev. Mr. Winther is a professor of theology in the Mission School, a veteran missionary, supported by the Danish Church.

The General Council maintains a station in Tokyo, in charge of Rev. Mr. Smith. Rev. E. T. Horn, Jr., is professor of English in the Mission School. In addition to this the Council Board pays one-third of the $7,700 needed annually for the support of the school. The missionaries of these three bodies have formed a Conference, with well defined powers, and present before the

Japanese one Lutheran Church. Our occidental divisions have disappeared, the one faith surviving unclouded.

ON FURLOUGH.

June 2, 1913, Rev. L. S. G. Miller, with his wife and child, started from Japan for America, on leave of absence, made eminently proper by the illness of Mrs. Miller. Our missionaries on the field joined in request that such leave of absence be granted. Mrs. Miller seems to have been greatly benefited by treatment in a hospital at Battle Creek, and we hope can return to Japan in due time. Having thus safely passed through an unusually severe ordeal, her recovery is cause for our devout gratitude to God. Rev. Miller has been engaged in an active campaign in Virginia in behalf of the work in Hakata, to secure funds for the building of a chapel and missionary's home in that city, and with commendable energy and success. The importance of this work, together with the question of Mrs. Miller gaining needful strength, has occasioned delay in their return to Japan. It is now expected that they will set sail for their mission home in March next.

August 21, 1913, Rev. C. K. Lippard, D.D., and family left Yokohama for America upon leave of absence, the occasion thereof being serious illness of Mrs. Lippard. Our other missionaries petitioned the Board to grant permission for such return. Arriving at Chicago, September 6th, Mrs. Lippard in due time entered Passavant Hospital in that city, and undergoing an operation declared to be necessary, has since regained her health. Removing to Columbia, March, 1914, Dr. Lippard began a campaign of visiting the churches in the Carolinas and Georgia, with a view of acquainting them with the work and the needs of the mission in Japan, emphasizing the claims of the Mission School upon the larger support of the home Church.

In the summer a severe affliction came upon the family in the critical and prolonged illness of their eldest daughter, Faith, occasioning ultimately their removal to Hendersonville, N. C. The question of the return of these beloved missionaries to Japan, has caused them and the Board much anxiety. Still detained in America because of the slow recovery of their daughter, it would be improper for them to start for Japan before March, 1915. In the meantime we must await clearer indications of Providence. The attitude of the United Synod in behalf of the mission will be one of the determining factors in the final decision.

THE TWO WOMEN MISSIONARIES.

On the eighth day of January, 1914, the two young ladies, Miss Martha B. Akard and Miss Mary Lou Bowers, sailed from San Francisco for Yokohama. Having been duly called, and formally commissioned, they go forth under the auspices of the women of our Southern Church, to begin work especially among the girls and women, in connection with our missionaries already on the field. During this year they have taken up residence in Tokyo, for the purpose of attending the Language School in that city. In a few months they will probably locate at Saga, as the post of their first service. The kindergarten work at Saga and Ogi will be largely under their charge. It is hoped that this special form of work will eventuate on a substantial and profitable agency in behalf of the girls of Kyushu—a branch of service too long neglected, yet full of promise for good.

The women, through the Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod, have pledged adequate support of these missionaries and their work, while affirming their purpose to aid the general cause as heretofore.

Miss Martha B. Akard, daughter of Abel B. Akard, and granddaughter of Rev. J. K. Hancher, is a native of Sullivan county, Tenn., and member of Immanuel Lutheran church of same county, having been confirmed at its altar at the age of twelve years. At the age of fourteen years she lost both parents by death. She is a graduate of Marion College, Va.; and a few years ago consecrated herself to the services of the Church of her fathers, and in 1910 entered the Lucy-Webb Hays National Training School for Deaconesses and Missionaries, and while there completed a course in kindergarten training. For the two years preceding her call as a missionary, she was further preparing for her life work in the Lutheran Deaconess Mother House, Baltimore. After prayerful consideration she accepted the call of our Board to be a missionary in Japan.

Miss Mary Lou Bowers is the daughter of Rev. Prof. A. J. Bowers, D.D., of Newberry College. She was confirmed in the Church of the Redeemer, Newberry, S. C., and graduated from Newberry College in 1904, receiving the degree of Bachlor of Arts. Having an ardent desire to give her life to the service of the Master, she availed herself of all the advantages of training for Christian service, and ultimately entered the Lutheran Deaconess Mother House, Baltimore, and having finished the prescribed course there, was about to be formally ordained as a deaconess, when the call of our Board was received. She ac-

cepted the call as coming from the Lord, in the fulfillment of her cherished hopes, and in prayerful submission to the divine will.

NEW BUILDINGS.

During the biennum, there has been built on the campus of Kyushu Gakuin the Science Hall, at a cost of $6,000. This was imperative, according to requirement of the Educational Department of the Japan government. Otherwise there had been a serious setback to the influence and usefulness of the school. It had to be done largely on borrowed money, and by postponement of the erection of the chapel so greatly needed.

The Kindergarten School building at Ogi, costing a little over $1,300, has been completed and is being used greatly to the advantage of the work in Ogi. These two buildings have been fully paid for, and add materially to the equipment of our Mission.

MEMORIAL BUILDINGS.

The Kindergarten School building at Ogi is a memorial to Dr. Francis Marion Setzler, of South Carolina. Dr. Setzler was born in Newberry county in 1845, and died July 29, 1905. His children in fulfillment of his known wishes have set apart a child's portion for missions. Upon final settlement of the estate, the amount set apart for this purpose was named at $1,275. The parties assenting, this kindergarten building was adopted as a memorial to their father, and it is so designated, in appreciative recognition of this beautiful token of filial piety. The first installment has been paid, the residue pledged in annual payments.

Following close upon the Chapel Memorial by the Church of the Ascension in Savannah, of which note was made in our report two years ago, the good people of St. Paul's, Wilmington, have assumed to build the Theological Hall, upon the Mission School grounds, at a cost of $4,000, and have pledged that amount to be paid in full, if called for in May, 1916.

For these generous acts, by individuals and congregations, indicating as they do, an awakening to larger vision and greater efforts in behalf of the kingdom, the Board feels that it speaks the voice of the whole Church, in putting on record grateful recognition of these timely and liberal benefactions.

ANNUITY.

We have been permitted to add $500 to our Annuity Fund. This amount is placed in our hands for Foreign Missions, by

Mrs. Susan C. Lorick, of Richland county, S. C., in which her husband, S. M. Lorick cheerfully joins her. These good people are both octogenarians, living in humble and cheerful piety, and with evident happiness have devoted this offering to the cause of saving souls. They are faithful members of the Lutheran Church, intelligent, cheerful, and cherish a lively interest in the affairs of the Church.

MARRIAGE OF MISSIONARY.

Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, with consent of the Board, came to America at his own expense, and on the fifth day of August, 1914, was married to Miss Alice M. Wulbern, of Charleston, S. C., and returned immediately to his post of duty in Saga. He seems to have preferred to spend his alloted vacation in this way, rather than at Kiruizawa, the summer resort for overworked missionaries. We cannot but extend the hand of welcome and joyous greeting to this pleasing and valuable addition to our missionary group in Japan.

THE OUTLOOK.

1. As to the work on the field: This is the bright side. Never before has there been so many causes of encouragement. There is an increasing fruitage to the labors of our missionaries, and native workers. The Japanese mind is more receptive toward the Gospel and more accessible by our missionaries. The attitude of the government toward Christianity is one of more than mere tolerance. There is a growing recognition of its higher moral claims. The Mission School holds out the hand of cheer, in the fulfillment of all promises made to the home Church. Success has marked every step of its development. It is a surprise springing out of many hindering odds, and unheeded cries for greatly needed equipment. Its future claims upon local confidence are linked into our keeping step with the coming needs.

We have cheering reports from Saga, Kumamoto, Omuta, and Hakata, of baptisms, and faithful service, harmony among our workers, general good health of our missionaries on the field, and continued faith in the support by the home Church.

OUTLOOK—HOME BASE.

We rejoice in view of the gradual rising of our young people in aid of the missionary cause. This gives us renewed hope, and constitutes one of the brighter gleams upon the horizon.

Another cheering sign is the venture of several of our more able congregations upon larger things in behalf of the extension of the kingdom, in which category we are permitted to place Winchester Church, Virginia; St. Paul's, Wilmington, and the Church of the Ascension, Savannah. We acknowledge our obligation to several other churches whose record indicates a lively interest in this great work of the Church. There is encouragement also in that some of our aggressive laymen are making it possible to continue the Laymen's Missionary Movement throughout our bounds, whereby the great subject of missions is emphasized, and mission study is fostered, and needed information through distribution of literature, lectures, and conventions, is brought home to our people. In due time this missionary movement under the auspices of our laymen cannot but yield unmistakable fruitage to the benefit of the whole Church, and in increasing measure.

The Women's Societies have been faithful to their pledged support, and in addition have undertaken to finance the special work in behalf of the girls and women of Japan, and are supporting the same at a present annual cost of $2,100. In this they have called in the aid of the Young People's Missionary organizations of the North Carolina and South Carolina Synods.

When we reflect, however, that two of our missionaries are almost entirely supported by one congregation and a certain individual, and another missionary largely by the children, and that the Women's Societies are supporting a third missionary, it is not a matter of cheer to have to report that it became necessary that we should borrow over $5,000 to meet the current expenses of the Mission. Our anxiety on behalf of fulfilling the pledges of the United Synod toward the support of the Mission becomes a daily burden, in view of the ease with which the cause of Foreign Missions is deferred, in so many instances, to the supposed superior claims of the local work. If retrenchment becomes necessary, it will be due in large measure to this cause. We feel very keenly our dependence upon our pastors, and do plead with them to help save the cause from ruinous retrenchment. The indications already point to the fact that at this juncture we must rely more largely than ever upon the regular apportionment, inasmuch as supposed extra gifts for special objects are so largely claimed under the amount apportioned. We plead for every dollar of the apportionment as the solution and salvation of the cause of our United Synod in Japan.

PRESSING NEEDS.

After the Chapel for the Mission School, perhaps the loudest call is in behalf of the finishing of the dormitory building. This is so vitally related to the religious purpose of this school, that we should respond to the call without delay. One hundred or more youths are compelled annually to lose one of the chief agencies for Christian culture—a home in the college dormitory, and we are losing precious opportunity of giving them needed evangelistic environment. At present we can accommodate not over one hundred. The residue must find accommodation in Buddhistic or atheistic homes in the city. A chapel in Hakata is another pressing need, provision for which is fairly under way, largely through the liberality of Grace Church, Winchester, Va., and generous responses of other churches in Virginia to the appeals of our missionary at Hakata, Rev. L. S. G. Miller.

APPRECIATION.

The Board would put on record its appreciation of the courtesies extended us by the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*, whereby the cause has been very substantially aided; and also of the generous friends who helped forward the Emergency Campaign in response to the Trumpet Call, and the churches and individuals who by their kindly words and offerings have helped to sustain the cause through another biennium.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Board submits for the consideration of the United Synod the following recommendations:

1. That the United Synod record its appreciation of the faithful services of our missionaries in Japan, and its continued confidence in their judgment in the administration of the affairs of the Mission; and that this body renew its pledge "to loyally sustain them in the work to which they are giving their lives in our stead."

2. That the United Synod send cordial greetings to the Foreign Mission Board of the United Danish Church of America, and of the General Council and the general bodies they represent, as esteemed coworkers with us in a common cause, whereby we have, through harmonious cooperation, been able not only to do a larger work, but unitedly to present and illustrate a unity of faith, and blessed harmony in cooperative effort in one organization, "The Joint Conference."

3. That the United Synod express its interest and sympathy in behalf of those Lutheran Missionary Societies in Germany having missionaries in India, in their distress pending the war among the nations of Europe, and that their appeal to the Lutheran Mission Boards of America to come to their aid in this emergency calls for our fraternal and prayerful consideration, and that the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to cooperate with other Lutheran Boards in America as in their judgment may be deemed proper, in view of obligations now pressing in regard to our own missionaries.

4. That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to ordain to the gospel ministry such native evangelists as our Mission in Japan may recommend for ordination, and whose qualifications shall be found adequate.

5. That the United Synod in view of the immediate and necessary demands of the work in Japan, and the obligations heretofore assumed by this body in regard thereto, apportion among the several District Synods, the sum of $25,000 annually, during the coming biennium, as the amount necessary to meet the current expenses of the Mission, exclusive of the distinctive women's work supported by the women and the erection of new buildings not already provided for in whole or in part.

6. That Epiphany season be designated especially as Foreign Mission Festival to be observed in all of our congregations, and that "April Japan Day" be recognized as the season for special offerings by our Sunday schools in behalf of the Mission Cause in Japan.

Very respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. HOLLAND,
M. O. J. KREPS,
W. A. DEATON,
J. E. COOPER,
J. M. LICHTENWANGER,
J. H. MURPHY,
M. J. EPTING,
H. L. BONHAM,
Members of the Board.

Columbia, S. C., November 10, 1914.

Treasurer's Report.

October 15, 1912 to October 15, 1914.

John A. Cline, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1912	Dr.	
Oct. 15,	To Balance	$ 1,677 43
	To Am't from all sources	50,898 58
		$ 52,576 01
	Cr.	
By	Am't Salary to Rev. C. L. Brown	$ 2,855 93
By	Am't Salary to Rev. C. K. Lippard	2,899 94
By	Am't Salary to Rev. A. J. Stirewalt	1,756 50
By	Am't Salary to Rev. L. S. G. Miller	2,275 76
By	Am't Salary to Rev. C. W. Hepner	1,599 91
By	Am't Incidentals	8,668 95
By	Am't for Support of Japan School	9,609 96
By	Am't for Support of Kindergarten	920 00
By	Am't Salary of Supt. of Board of Missions	2,433 00
By	Am't Administration expense (travel, etc.)	590 35
By	Am't for Printing, stamps, stationery, etc.	369 36
By	Am't Salary for two women missionaries	1,340 00
By	Am't for Outfits for women missionaries	450 00
By	Am't Interest Account	575 00
By	Am't for Science Hall	6,000 00
By	Am't Upkeep Mission School	290 00
By	Am't Passage Money sent Rev. Lippard	1,521 70
By	Am't Moving Rev. Lippard, Chicago to Columbia	177 85
By	Am't Various gifts for Rev. Brown	463 25
By	Am't Gift for Mrs. Brown	25 00
By	Am't Passage Money sent Rev. Stirewalt	400 00
By	Am't Passage Money sent Rev. Miller	500 00
By	Am't Income Tax for Missionaries	91 66
By	Am't Gifts to Ogi Kindergarten Building	1,500 00
By	Am't Gifts to Hakata Kindergarten Building	750 00
By	Am't Refund to Rev. Miller for Hakata	102 23
By	Am't Freight for Revs. Stirewalt and Hepner	87 94
By	Am't Cablegrams	38 24
By	Am't Salary for Treasurer of Board	200 00
By	Am't Balance on Building Fund	277 51
By	Am't Gift to Rev. Stirewalt (Buehler's Miss. Soc.)	110 00

By Am't Gift to Rev. Stirewalt (St. Paul's) for Microscope	100 00
By Am't to Rev. Stirewalt for translating (from Miss A. V. Miller)	50 00
By Am't to Rev. Stirewalt for Memorandum Plates	33 50
By Am't to Rev. Brown from Winchester (for student support)	72 00
By Am't Gift for Library, from Mrs. F. P. Cover	100 00
By Am't Refund to Treas., A. H. Kohn (error in remittance)	50 00
By Am't to Dr. Greever, from Dr. Holland (money loaned)	200 00
By Am't for Transp'tion of Misses Akard and Bowers.	450 00
By Am't for Miss Akard (special)	25 00
1914	
Oct. 15, By Balance on hand	2,615 47
	$ 52,576 01

JAPAN SCHOOL.

1912 DR.

Oct. 15, To Balance	$.....
To Am't from all sources	$ 712 47
1914.	
Oct. 15, To Balance on hand	$ 712 47

MISSION LEAGUE.

1912 DR.

Oct. 15, To Balance	$ 120 58
To Am't from all sources	$.....
	$ 120 58

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By Am't transferred to Foreign Mission account..... $ 120 58

JOHN A. CLINE, Treasurer.

Concord, N. C., October 15, 1914.

NOTE.

In the receipts above given, of $50,808.58, are included the following:

Money borrowed	$ 5,950 00
Annuity, Mrs. Lorick	500 00
For special Woman's work, counted extra	2,929 29
Hakata Building Fund, received and refunded	852 23
Received and forwarded gift, Winchester Church for Hakata lot	500 00
Trumpet Call, Emergency Fund, for Science Hall	4,700 00
Total outside regular channels	$ 15,431 52

Board of Home Missions reported. Report received and referred to Committee to Home Missions.

(No. 6.)

Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, appointed at the last convention of the United Synod, was composed of the following: Revs. R. L. Patterson, D. D.; M. M. Kinard, D. D.; V. Y. Boozer, C. K. Bell, John Hall, and B. B. Miller, Esq., and C. L. Kibler, M. D. This Board met in Charlotte, N. C., November 14, 1912, to perfect its organization, all members being present excepting Dr. Kibler. Rev. Dr. R. L. Patterson was elected President; Rev. V. Y. Boozer, Vice-President; Rev. Chas. K. Bell, Secretary; and Mr. T. Edgar Johnston, of Spencer, N. C., Treasurer. A bond for the Treasurer, to the amount of $3,000, was filed with the National Surety Co., 115 Broadway, New York. On account of his having assumed charge of the mission work at St. Petersburg, Fla., the resignation of Rev. John Hall, as a member of the Board, was accepted January 28, 1913.

The following report, together with the report of the Treasurer of the Board, is a summary statement of the work of the biennium. Twelve meetings were held during this time.

MISSION WORK CONTINUED.

Morristown-Greeneville, Tenn.—Rev. J. G. Graichen, in charge of this work during the biennium, has been giving faithful and satisfactory service. Plans are on foot for a new church building on a new site at Morristown, which is much needed. The Board has contributed $300 per year toward the support of the pastor.

Bristol, Va.-Tenn.—This mission was vacant until the spring of 1913, when Rev. E. L. Ritchie accepted the work. The pastorate is composed of one church in the town and two in the country.

The Board contributes to the support of the pastor $150 per year.

Bluefield (Graham), W. Va.—This field has been under the pastoral care of Rev. K. Y. Umberger, and has made commendable progress. The membership has increased during the biennium sixty per cent. A splendid new brick church and an elegant parsonage have been erected at a cost of about $15,000 at Bluefield. The pastorate is aided by the Board in support of the pastor to the extent of $264 per year. In the near future it will be necessary that the services of a pastor be devoted entirely to Bluefield.

Olympia Mills Church, Columbia, S. C.—Rev. C. E. Weltner relinquished this work in the spring of 1913. While he was yet pastor, the Board aided in his support to the extent of $100 per year. Since that time the South Carolina Synod has assumed the entire support of this work.

Spartanburg, S. C.—Rev. Dr. S. T. Hallman is pastor here. The mission has an excellent church building, paid for. The membership is 51, with an equal number in the Sunday school. The Board continues the appropriation of $180 per year.

Greenville, S. C.—Rev. C. L. Miller is devotedly serving this work. An imposing stone church building is nearing completion. On November 1, 1913, the Board paid the last installment of $1,000 on the $5,000 gift promised by the former Board toward the purchase of the lot. This work has been growing rapidly under the leadership of Pastor Miller, and promises to be a potent factor in the development of our mission territory in the Piedmont section of South Carolina. This congregation, which at its organization in 1910, enrolled 42 members, and two years ago reported 60, now has a membership of 75, and a Sunday school numbering 65. The Board pays toward the support of the pastor $450 per year.

Greensboro, N. C.—Rev. J. E. Shenk, pastor. The continued prosperity of this growing mission vindicates the wisdom of the United Synod in maintaining the work in this flourishing town. The membership of the congregation is 108, with a Sunday school of 101. The pastor receives a salary of $1,200, one-half of which is provided by the Board. The mission is burdened with a heavy indebtedness, but has a very valuable property.

Lenoir, N. C.—Rev. J. F. Deal, pastor. This mission-pastorate consists of three congregations, the principal one of which is located in the town, and has a splendid property, well located. The other two are small country congregations. We believe that there is a hopeful future for this work. The Board pays $400 per year on the salary.

Birmingham, Ala.—Rev. E. H. Copenhaver continues in charge of this work. Acting under the specific instructions of the United Synod at its late convention, the Board very promptly took up the consideration of the needs of this mission. Upon investigation, it was found that the piece of property alluded to on the floor of this Synod, by those familiar with the situation, was the most desirable that could be secured. Whereupon the Board authorized the purchase of this property, which cost $15,000, the Board assuming the payment of $5,000 of this amount, and pledging a loan of $5,000 from the Permanent Loan Fund, without interest for five years. The Board not having the money in hand to meet these obligations borrowed $2,500 in order to enable it to pay part of its pledged gift of $5,000 to the mission.

The lot purchased, which is elegantly situated for church purposes, has on it a large frame building which has been converted by the congregation into a temporary place of worship at a cost of $600. The Board appropriated $600 towards pastor's support. The pastor reports a membership of 82 in the mission.

This point has been designated by the Board as the Children's Mission of the United Synod. All funds, therefore, from this source are to pass through the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions.

St. Petersburg, Fla.—This mission had been connected with the work at Lakeland, Fla., but was made a separate pastorate because of the great distance between the two points and the need of both fields having more pastoral attention. Rev. John Hall assumed charge of this work in January, 1913. The mission enrolls 44 members, and receives from the Board $100 per year on pastor's support. St. Petersburg is a prominent tourist city, visited by many of our Lutheran people.

Lakeland, Fla.—Lakeland had been without pastoral care for some time, until Rev. W. E. Pugh accepted the work last fall. During his pastorate marked improvements have been made, and the congregation has taken on new life. Forty-two members are enrolled, and the Sunday school numbers 50. The Board appropriates $100 towards pastor's support.

NEW WORK UNDERTAKEN.

Portsmouth, Va.—At the special recommendation of the United Synod, this mission of the Virginia Synod was taken up by the Board and an appropriation of $700 per year was made on pastor's salary. This mission, named Luther Memorial, enrolls 79 members, with Rev. W. A. Craun as pastor. Portsmouth is a very import-

ant town in the Tidewater section of Virginia, which promises to be one of the most encouraging fields for our Home Mission work.

Kannapolis, N. C.—A mission, connected with the North Carolina Synod, was organized in this thriving industrial town February 15, 1914, with 23 members. The name of the organization is "Kimball Memorial" Lutheran Church. Mr. J. W. Cannon, of Concord, N. C., a prominent cotton manufacturer, promised to execute a deed for a suitable church lot as soon as the congregation was ready to build. Mr. G. H. C. Park, of the senior class at the United Synod Seminary, became pastor in May, 1914, at a salary of $800, of which amount the Board pays $200.

Gastonia, N. C.—In January, 1914, at the request of the Executive Committee of Missions of the N. C. Conference of the Tennessee Synod, the Board appropriated $250 to aid in the support of a pastor at this point, which was made a pastorate separate from the two other congregations with which it was formerly connected. This appropriation was made with the understanding that it be reduced each year by at least $50. Rev. J. C. Dietz is pastor, on a salary of $1,000.

East Charlotte, Charlotte, N. C.—Upon the request of its President and General Secretary, the Board appropriated $75 to the compensation of a theological student for work during the summer months of 1914 in the prospective mission field of East Charlotte, an equal amount being paid by St. Mark's Church, of the city.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—October 12, 1913, a church organization was effected at this point by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., of the Holston Synod, the General Secretary of the Board being also present. The congregation asked for assistance from the Board in the support of a pastor. October 1, 1914, Rev. L. B. Spracher, of Salisbury, N. C., assumed pastoral charge of this work at a salary of $1,000 per year, $400 of which is to be provided by the congregation, $100 by the Holston Synod, and $500 by this Board. The pastor at Chattanooga is designated specially as the missionary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the North Carolina Synod.

Macon, Ga.—A promising mission with 18 members was organized here March 1, 1914, by Rev. T. B. Epting, of Brunswick, Ga. Mr. P. C. Weber, of the senior class at the Chicago Seminary, accepted the work at a salary of $800, of which this Board pays $400, the congregation $300, and the Georgia Synod $100.

Field Missionary in Mississippi.—At the urgent request of the Mississippi Synod, the Board decided to inaugurate this movement with a view of building up our mission interests in this territory. Rev. T. B. Epting, of Brunswick, Ga., accepted this position

and began work April 1, 1914, at a salary of $1,200, of which amount the Mississippi Synod is to pay $400, the Young People's societies of the South Carolina Synod $500, and the Board $300. The Field Missionary is to be located at Jackson, and efforts are to be made to first establish our church in that city.

Lingle, Miss.—The Board made an appropriation of $120 per year to supplement the salary of Rev. A. W. Ballentine, who has been faithfully serving this pastorate of two congregations in this needy mission field.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Raleigh, N. C.—This point was especially commended to the attention of the Board by the United Synod at its late convention. The mission there is under the pastoral care of Rev. J. L. Morgan, supported wholly by the North Carolina Synod. The great need of the work was a church lot and building. After some difficulty and delay, a most desirable lot was secured, on July 19, 1913, at a cost of $4,750, and the work of building thereon was begun promptly. The Board approved the plans, and the beautiful brick structure is now nearing completion, the cost of the building being $8,000. The Board pledged a gift to the mission of $4,750, of which $1,000 was paid in July, 1914, the remainder, $3,750, being an outstanding obligation of the Board. The timely aid of Mr. J. H. Rehder, of Wilmington, N. C., is hereby acknowledged, who advanced the money in the purchase of the lot and also met the interest on the purchase price for one year.

Spencer, N. C.—June 30, 1914, a loan was made to Calvary Church, at this place, Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D.D., pastor, from the Permanent Loan Fund, of $1,000, without interest. This loan was adequately secured by notes, and is to be fully paid back by July 1, 1916. This loan was used to advance the work on their church building.

Greenville, S. C.—On January 6, 1914, a loan of $1,000, without interest from the Permanent Loan Fund was made to this mission to aid in their work of church building, said loan being adequately secured, and to be returned within the year 1914.

Bluefield, W. Va.—A loan was granted to this mission in April, 1914, of $1,000, to aid in the erection of their new church building. This amount was taken from the Permanent Loan Fund, and is adequately secured by notes of the trustees, properly endorsed. The loan is to be fully returned, without interest, by January 1, 1916.

Richmond, Va.—A committee from the Virginia Synod, on October 16, 1913, communicated the request of that body, at its convention in 1913, for aid from the Board to the extent of a loan of $4,000, to relieve the indebtedness of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Richmond, Va.. Being unable to comply with this request, the Board agreed to pay interest on $2,000 for one year at six per cent., beginning December 16, 1913, and on $4,000 at the same rate, for the years beginning December 16, 1914, and 1915.

Along with a remittance of $887 from the Virginia Synod to this Board for Church Extension, came the request of the Virginia Synod that $800 of this amount be loaned to the First English Evangeilcal Lutheran Church of Richmond, Va., for five years without interest. This was granted, and upon an urgent call from the Church at Richmond, this amount of $800 was forwarded before note had been secured for the same. This note has since been received.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

Pursuant to the instructions of the United Synod, the Board devoted its attention to the matter of securing a suitable person to fill the office of General Secretary, to serve under the rules adopted by the Board for the government of this office. Rev. R. S. Patterson, pastor at Coatesville, Pa., accepted this work and office, and entered upon his duties May 1, 1913, fixing his residence at Charlotte, N. C. The Board fixed his salary at $1,200 per year, with $300 per year for house rent, and an allowance was added of $150 for moving expenses. The Board has repeatedly expressed its gratification with the work of the General Secretary in promoting interest in the cause, and with his energetic efforts in developing the financial resources of the Board, especially with reference to the Permanent Loan Fund for Church Extension.

PERMANENT LOAN FUND FOR CHURCH EXTENSION.

At the last convention of this body, the Board was directed to establish a perpetual Church Extension Loan Fund of $50,000. On December 31, 1912, an annuity gift of $500, bearing six per cent. interest semi-annually, was accepted by the Board from Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Bernheim, of Charlotte, N. C. This amount, together with the $500 contributed in April, 1907, as a gift for this purpose by Miss Ada V. Miller, New Market, Va., became the nucleus of the Permanent Loan Fund for Church Extension in the United Synod. Through the activities of the General Secretary, by the

method designated by him "The Old Guard," this has been increased, in cash and good subscriptions, to $10,500, of which amount $6,626 is cash.

MISCELLANEOUS.

2. *Work Among Negroes.*—In December, 1912, the Board received a communication from the Rev. Dr. J. C. Kunzmann, General Superintendent of English Home Missions of the General Council, relative to mission work among the negroes of the South. The President was authorized to inform Dr. Kunzmann that, in the judgment of the Board, it is not now feasible for us to begin work among the colored people.

3. *Tracts Published.*—During the biennium, at the instance of the General Secretary of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement, two tracts were published for free distribution in the "every-member" campaign. These two tracts were entitled "Stop the Leaks," and "The Old Guard."

4. *Luther Day Services.*—A special Home Mission service for the Reformation season was prepared and published each year of the biennium by order of the Board for use in the Sunday schools. These services were generally used, and with apparently excellent results.

5. It was with sincere regret that the Board learned of the physical disability of its President, which necessitated his relinquishing the duties of that office, September 17, 1914. The other members of the Board, in his absence, took up and endeavored to complete the work as best they could.

It should be a matter of the greatest gratification to this body to know that all the missions under the direction of the Board, seventeen in number, are at present supplied with faithful pastoral service, and are making encouraging progress, according to their varying circumstances, in spiritual and material development.

RECOMMENDATION.

Your Board would recommend that, for the ensuing biennium, the same amounts be apportioned to the District Synods for Home Missions and Church Extension as were apportioned for the past biennum.

Fully aware of the many imperfections attending the administration of this work, your Board sincerely trusts that its successors in office may secure greater results in the enlarged Home Mission field upon which we have entered.

With profound thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church for the measure of prosperity He has granted to this cause, this report is respectfully submitted.

V. Y. BOOZER,
M. M. KINARD,
B. B. MILLER,
C. K. BELL.
C. L. KIBLER.

October 1, 1914.

Report of T. E. Johnston, Treasurer of Home Missions and Church Extension.

October 1, 1912-October 1, 1914.

Receipts Account of Church Extension.

Virginia Synod	$	745 32
Southwestern Virginia Synod		383 94
Tennessee Synod		22 56
Holston Synod		2 00
Georgia Synod		189 63
Bequest—S. E. and G. W. Cover		50 00
Bequest—J. B. Hyler		70 00
Total	$	1,463 45
Amount rec'd from Home Mission account		4,704 21
	$	6,167 66

Disbursements Account Church Extension.

October 1, 1912-1914:

Rev. C. L. Miller, church lot, Greenville, S. C.	$	500 00
Rev. C. L. Miller, 5 year loan, Greenville, S. C., Church		1,000 00
Rev. C. L. Miller, Int. on Notes, Greenville, S. C., Church		136 66
Mr. J. W. Keith, Treas., 5 year loan, Richmond, Va., Church		800 00
Mr. J. W. Keith, Int. on $2,000 of debt 1 year, Church		120 00
Mr. J. W. Minor, Note, Birmingham, Ala. Loan		2,500 00
Rev. J. L. Morgan, church lot, Raleigh, N. C.		1,000 00
Rev. J. L. Morgan, church lot, Int. on notes		111 00
	$	6,167 66

Receipts Account of Home Missions.

October 1, 1912-1914:

Cash on hand October 1, 1912		$ 2,436 54
Virginia Synod		3,014 86
Southwestern Virginia Synod, W. H. & F. M. Societies	$321 11	
Southwestern Virginia Synod	915 05	1,236 16
Tennessee Synod		1,219 50
Holston Synod		662 77
Georgia Synod		1,078 75
North Carolina Synod		2,878 99
North Carolina Synod, W. H. & F. M. Soc.		600 00
South Carolina Synod, W. H. & F. M. Soc.	$ 250 00	
South Carolina Synod	2,150 44	2,400 44
Mississippi Synod		70 40
Woman's H. & F. M. Soc., S. C. Synod, Payment on Loan		100 00
Cash collections by Dr. R. S. Patterson, Gen. Sec.		28 00
Cash, refunded expenses traveling, Dr. R. S. Patterson.		45 67
Amount borrowed Wachovia Bank, Spencer, N. C.		2,500 00
Int. on balances with Wachovia Bank, Spencer, N. C.		106 44
Synodical Exp., re'd by error, S. W. Va. Synod (Ret'd)		1 24
		$ 18,379 76

Home Missions. Disbursements.

October 1, 1912-1914:

Am't paid to S. W. Virginia Synod Missions		$ 765 50
Am't paid to North Carolina Synod Missions		1,329 03
Am't paid to Tennessee Synod Missions		799 99
Am't paid to Holston Synod Missions		662 50
Am't paid to South Carolina Synod Missions		1,368 29
Am't paid to Georgia Synod Missions (Ga.)	$149 98	
Am't paid to Georgia Synod Missions (Fla.)	286 60	436 62
Am't paid to Georgia Synod Missions (Ala.)	1,200 00	1,636 62
Am't paid to Virginia Synod Missions		779 06
Am't paid to Mississippi Synod Missions		656 62
Am't paid to Mrs. A. E. Bernheim, Interest on Annuity, 4 payments		360 00
Am't paid to Dr. G. D. Bernheim, Interest on Annuity		45 00
Am't paid to Dr. C. L. Kibler, Sem'y (Thompson Notes)		200 00
Am't paid to Expenses of Board Meetings		113 85
Am't paid to Expenses to Synod Meetings		94 20

Am't paid to Stationery for the Board.....		33 30
Am't paid to Literature sent out		337 27
Am't paid to Salary, 17 months, Dr. R. S. Patterson $1,700 00		
Am't paid to House rent, 17 months, Dr. R. S. Patterson 425 00		2,125 00
Am't paid to Traveling Exp., Dr. R. S. Patterson.....		569 79
Am't paid to Dr. R. L. Patterson, Ch'man., Trav. Exp., Postage, etc.		46 39
Am't paid to Mr. T. E. Johnston, Treas., Postage, Book		8 95
Am't paid to Interest on $2,500 Note, Wachovia Bank, Spencer, N. C.		75 00
Am't paid to Permanent Loan Fund, Miss Ada Miller gift transferred		500 00
Am't paid to Synodical Exp., refunded Treas. S. W. Va. Synod		1 24
Am't paid to Premium on Bond of Treasurer, 2 years...		15 00
	$	12,522 60
Am't Used by Church Extension work.....		4,704 21
Cash on hand—balance		1,152 95
	$	18,379 76

Permanent Loan Fund.

May 1, 1913-October 1, 1914:

Total receipts from all sources .....$		6,626 26

Disbursements.

Am't Loaned Greenville, S. C.....$1,000 00		
Am't Loaned St. Petersburg, Fla..... 1,000 00		
Am't Loaned Raleigh, N. C..... 1,500 00		
Am't Loaned Bluefield, W. Va..... 1,000 00		
Am't Loaned Spencer, N. C..... 1,000 00		
Total $5,500 00		
Am't Cash on hand 1,126 26		
	$	6,626 26

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

We, your Committee, appointed to audit the books of Mr. T. Edgar Johnston, Treasurer, beg to submit the following report:

Balance in treasury last report	$ 2,436 54	
Total receipts, Home Missions and Church Extension Fund	17,406 67	
Total receipts, Permanent Loan Fund	6,626 26	
		$ 26,469 47
Total disbursements, Home Missions and Church Extension Fund	$18,690 26	
Total disbursements, Permanent Loan Fund	5,500 00	
		$ 24,190 26
Leaving a balance on hand		$ 2,279 21

A. H. Snider,
W. T. Busby,
Auditing Committee.

Salisbury, N. C., October 3, 1914.

All visiting Lutheran ministers were accorded the privileges of the floor.

Rev. Wm. L. Hunton, Ph.D., Associate Editor of General Council Publications, was also received as an advisory member.

On motion, Rev. C. K. Lippard, one of the United Synod's missionaries of Saga, Japan, and a member of the Japanese Evangelical Lutheran Conference, was received in his official capacity, and accorded the privilege of the floor of this Synod.

The President of Synod was, on motion, authorized to telegraph the congratulations of this Synod to Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., on this his 70th birthday.

Rev. A. G. Voigt read the report of the committee appointed at our last convention "to propose a plan for the creation of a committee to be known as the Executive Committee of the United Synod." (See p. 101, Session of 1912.)

This report was received to be considered at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Synod adjourned with the Lord's Prayer, led by Rev. Geo. H. Cox.

At 8 p. m., Vesper services were conducted by Rev. C. L. Miller. Address on Foreign Missions by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., and on Home Missions by Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin.

THIRD SESSION.

Wednesday, November 11, 1914, 9:30 A. M.

Synod met and was opened with devotional services led by Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe.

Roll was called and minutes of the sessions of yesterday read and approved.

Rev. P. M. Bikle, D.D., official representative of the General Synod, was received and made an advisory member.

The consideration of the report on the plan for the creation of an Executive Committee was resumed.

The report was finally adopted as follows:

(No. 7.)

Report of Committee on Proposed Executive Committee.

The instructions given to this committee are found on page 101 of the minutes of the Thirteenth Convention of the United Synod, and read as follows:

"A committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to propose to this body two years hence, a plan for the creation of a committee to be known as the Executive Committee of the United Synod and whose further duty it shall be to propose the organization, powers and functions of such committee and suggest rules for its guidance."

In accordance with these instructions your committee presents for your consideration and recommends for your approval the following plan:

I. An Executive Committee shall be and hereby is constituted, consisting of the President of the United Synod and four other members, to be nominated by him, the nomination to be ratified by the United Synod, two of whom shall be laymen, and no two of whom shall be members of the same District Synod.

II. The special functions of this Executive Committee shall be to assist the President of the United Synod in seeing that the purpose of this body, as expressed in its resolutions and actions, shall be carried into effect, and also to coordinate the various operations of the United Synod in educational, missionary, charitable and publication work, so that no part shall suffer by neglect or lack of proportionate provision.

III. In order that the committee may be enabled to fulfill its functions, it shall be vested with powers as here and now defined, viz:

1. The Executive Committee shall have power in the name of the United Synod to transact and execute, in the interim between its conventions, all business necessary to carry out the resolutions and orders of the United Synod, except insofar as the execution of such business has already been or shall be committed to the officers of the United Synod or to its several Boards.

2. It shall have the power and the duty to require from all Boards, created by the United Synod, one month before any regular convention of the United Synod, a financial statement of total receipts and expenditures during the preceding biennium, and also a statement of the prospective needs of funds for the ensuing biennium.

3. The committee shall prepare and recommend to the United Synod at its regular convention a budget of the funds required to prosecute effectively all the operations of the United Synod, on the basis of which this body may judiciously make necessary appropriations and apportionments.

4. Whenever any Board or committee, created by the United Synod, shall deem it necessary, in order to meet an emergency, to appeal to the Church for any sum exceeding one thousand dollars, over and above what has been apportioned for its work by the United Synod, it shall first lay its plans before the Executive Committee and obtain its approval and ratification. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to meet and act upon such proposed plans within one month after they have been received by the President, and if it fails to act upon them, the Board concerned shall have authority to act according to its discretion.

5. By the adoption of the preceding items 2 and 3 of this Section III of this report, the action of the United Synod, recorded on page 88 of the minutes of the twelfth convention, giving to the Committee on Finance the power to call for estimates of appropriations from the several Boards and to formulate a plan for financing the work of the United Synod, shall be rescinded. (Item 6, Report of Committee on Finance, Minutes twelfth convention). This committee was changed to the Committee on Finance and Apportionment at the last convention of the United Synod.

IV. The organization of the Executive Committee and the government of its operations shall be in accordance with the following rules:

1. The Executive Committee shall be called to meet by the President of the United Synod immediately after the adjournment of a regular convention to organize and to transact such other business as may be necessary.

2. Its officers shall consist of a president and a secretary, whose duties shall be those ordinarily attaching to these offices. The President of the United Synod shall be ex-officio president of the Executive Committee. The secretary shall be elected by ballot.

3. The expenses of the members in attending meetings or otherwise performing their duties shall be paid from the treasury of the United Synod. The amount of such expense shall be reported to the President, who shall give the necessary order on the Treasurer for its payment.

4. The committee shall meet at the call of the President at the time and place designated by him.

5. In case a vacancy occurs from any cause, the President shall have power to fill it by appointment, and shall do so without unreasonable delay.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
GEO. B. CROMER.

The following Executive Committee was nominated and elected (see list of Committees): Revs. J. A. Morehead, D. D., M. M. Kinard, D.D., H. L. Bonham and Hon. C. M. Efird.

It was,

Resolved, That delegates of this Body to other general bodies, and the fraternal delegates of other general bodies to the United Synod be heard from on Thursday at 10:30 a. m.

The Board of Publication presented its report, which was referred to the Committee on Board of Publication.

(No. 8.)

Report of Board of Publication.

Your Board of Publication respectfully reports that during the past biennium it has, by frequent meetings and careful counsel, sought to conserve and advance the publication interests of the United Synod. The Board fully realizes the central importance of these interests both in themselves considered and in relation to all other departments of the work of the Church. It is fully sensible of the responsibility resting upon it and, as a servant and steward of the United Synod, has labored that it may be found faithful.

PROPERTY.

Our publication building is in good condition and, so far from decreasing, has steadily risen in value. The first floor is admirably suited to our business. The three upper stories, leased for an apartment hotel, continue to be a source of income and help to offset the unavoidable annual loss entailed in the publication of the *Visitor* and *Tidings*. The annex, used as a printery, shows no signs of wear and fully justifies the substantial manner of its construction. The printing department, under the efficient management of Mr. M. L. Farrell, is likewise a source of revenue to the Board. The purchase of an additional linotype machine and automatic feeder has been made necessary by the increasing volume of business.

BOOK AND GENERAL LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

The Board in its bookstore carries a large and select stock of Bibles, Book of Worship, hymnals, theological and devotional books, Church and Sunday school supplies, etc., and is prepared to fill all orders for the same promptly and acceptably. During the biennium it published a new edition of Dr. Hawkin's Catechism, No. 1, a revised edition of Dr. Voigt's "Primer of Lutheranism," a shaped note edition of Dr. Cronk's Sunday School Hymnal, and a first edition of Dr. Gerberding's "Problems and Possibilities." A catalogue of forty pages has also been published and a United Synod Almanac is now in preparation and will appear at an early date. The Board has continued to act as the agent of the Book of Worship. Since April 1, 1914, the new agreement, entered into by the Board and the United Synod, has been in force, to wit: that the Board of Publication shall pay into the treasury of the United Synod a royalty on all sales of the Book of Worship of three (3) per cent. of the selling price of all styles of the book.

PERIODICALS.

The Board reports no new periodicals. The every-home-circulation of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* was undertaken and energetically pressed, resulting in a circulation of about 6,700, a figure which sets the highwater mark. An ebbing tide has reduced the subscription to about 6,200. Many clubs which were secured a year ago will expire within the next three months, and it is earnestly hoped that our pastors will make a strong effort to obtain their renewals at the same club rates—$1 per copy per year

for a club of sixty members, or for seventy-five per cent. of the resident families, all subscriptions in the case of each club to expire on the same date. *Tidings,* of which Mrs. E. C. Cronk is the able editor, is the official Sunday school and Missionary Journal of the United Synod, just as the *Lutheran Church Visitor* is its official organ. This monthly paper has a circulation of about 5,000. The figure should be doubled and trebled for the sake of the more than 30,000 children in our Sunday schools, just as the circulation of the *Visitor* should be doubled and trebled for the sake of the parents and all our people. Ultimately through the information thus given and the interest awakened—the Church would receive a doubled and trebled benefit. The Board of Publication is also the printer of the new Inter-Lutheran weekly journal, the *American Lutheran Survey.* The Survey Publishing Company has installed the additional equipment necessary for the production of this journal.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT.

In the summer of 1913, the Board gave Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., Manager and Editor of the *Visitor,* a two months' leave of absence for the purpose of making a trip to Europe, on condition that Dr. Greever provide his own supply for the editorship of the *Visitor.* The visit was made in the interest of the *American Lutheran Survey* which was at that time under contemplation. On his return from Europe the *Survey* enterprise seemed so far assured that Dr. Greever offered his resignation to the Board, but the resignation was not accepted until early in 1914. The resignation went into effect on March 31, 1914, although Dr. Greever continued to serve as supply-manager and editor during the month of April. At the March meeting of the Board Rev. John W. Horine was elected manager and editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor.* A call was extended to him, which was accepted, and the new manager and editor assumed the duties of his position early in May.

FINANCES.

Soon after the Board occupied the new building it found itself necessitated by the general expansion of the business (purchase of stock and giving credit and granting extension of credit) to enlarge its operating capital. It therefore borrowed $9,000 on the building from the Virginia Life Insurance Company for five years at 6 per cent. interest and at once began to provide for a sinking fund through subscription to Building and Loan stock

to which payments of $90 per month are made. This sum of $9,000 is offset by the stock of books and general literature, plus collectible accounts on stock sold, after all outstanding bills on account of stock are paid. The Board preferred to adopt this course rather than float loans through the banks. At the present time the Board is passing through a period of financial stress on account of the extreme difficulty in making collections. As the patrons of our publication business are our own people (churches, Sunday schools and individuals), the Board looks to them for relief in the present emergency. Not less than $5,000 are due the Board on customers' accounts.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

In March, 1914, the books of the Board were audited by an expert accountant. His report was accepted by the Board and a copy of the same accompanies this report. Omitting details, the following summaries are given. The financial statement is as of March 31, 1914.

ASSETS.

Customers' Accounts	$5,458 20
*United Synod E. L. Church, South	491 27

ASSETS.

Petty cash			$ 50 00
Cash on hand and in banks			2,790 62
Real Estate (Sumter Street lot Est)			16,000 00
Sumter Street building (cost, exclusive of annex)			26,519 16
Inventory Accounts:			
Editorial Library, book value	$ 129 97		
Furniture and Fixtures, book value	1,403 42		
Machinery and Equipment, book value	16,088 52		
Book of Worship, (Invoice)	1,439 63		
Sunday School Hymnals, (Invoice)	714 00		
Merchandise on Hand, (Invoice)	3,898 11		
Printing Dept. Supplies, (Invoice)	2,585 06		$ 26,258 71
Total			$ 77,567 96

*Printing of Minutes; cancelled by royalty on Book of Worship.

LIABILITIES.

Accounts Payable	$ 2,767 47	
Bills Payable	15,067 90—	$ 17,835 37
		$ 59,732 59

NET ASSETS.

Investment Account.

Property Fund	$ 9,098 82	
Real Estate Profits	54,663 54—	$ 63,762 36
Investment impaired as follows:		
Net Loss, 1910-1912	$ 2,435 47	
Net Loss, 1912-1914	594 30—	4,029 77
Book Value of Investment Account		$ 59,732 59

Trading Accounts.

Department.	Trad'g Prf't.	Trad'g Loss
Printing Department	$ 5,626 82	
Composing Department	4,141 80	
Bindery Department	2,192 43	
Sales Department		$ 347 57
Book of Worship	1,714 71	
S. S. Hymnals	276 23	
Lutheran Church Visitor		4,359 32
Tidings		586 55
Total profits and losses	$ 13,951 99	$ 5,293 44
Net Trading Profit forward to General Profit and Loss Account		8,658 55
	$ 13,951 99	$ 13,951 99

BOOK PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

March 31, 1912, *to March* 31, 1914.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Campaign Expenses	$ 306 25
Commissions	9 67
Dedication Expenses	188 74
Freight and Express	384 97
Fuel	1,006 65

Insurance		913 10
Interest and Discount		228 25
Office Expenses		486 45
Janitor's Service		936 00
Postage		766 82
Repairs to Building		26 65
Salaries (not charged to departments)		6,345 00
Traveling Expenses		37 80
Taxes		524 50
Water Rent		178 83
Sundry Expense Items	$408 72	
Deduct Errors on Voucher Record	17 25—	391 47
Total undivided expense		$ 12,731 15

EARNINGS.

Net Trading Profits	$8,658 55	
Rents	3,478 30	
Total earnings		$ 12,136 85
Net Loss for period as per books		$ 594 30

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. CROMER,
President,
JOHN W. HORINE,
Manager.

The Board of Education made its report. Referred to Committee on Board of Education.

(No. 9.)

Report of Board of Education.

In compliance with the action of the United Synod, (see Minutes, 1912, pp. 56, 106) the Board of Education met in Columbia, S. C., February 17, 1914. It organized by adopting the Constitution herewith submitted:

Article I.—The Name.

The Name of this Board shall be, The Board of Education of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

Article II.—The Object.

The object of this Board shall be to investigate the whole field of Education within the Synods of the United Synod, to promote the general cause of Christian Education in our Church, to maintain a friendly and fostering relationship between our Literary Institutions and the United Synod, and to perform such other duties pertaining to the work of Education as the United Synod may from time to time determine. It shall also present to each convention of the United Synod a full report of its proceedings, together with such recommendations as it may deem wise. It shall be authorized to collect, receive and disburse moneys entrusted to its administration for educational purposes, subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the United Synod.

Article III.—Membership.

The Board shall consist of seven members, to be selected at each regular convention of the United Synod, to serve for a term of two years. Vacancies occurring by death, resignation, or otherwise may be filled by election of the Board, members so elected to serve until the next regular convention of the United Synod.

Article IV.—Officers.

The Officers of this Board shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected at the first meeting of the Board following a regular convention of the United Synod, and shall serve for a term of two years. Their duties shall be such as are usually discharged by these officers.

Article V.—Standing Committees.

At each meeting of the Board, next following a regular convention of the United Synod, the President shall appoint two standing committees, to serve for two years:

1. *The Executive Commitee.* This committee shall consist of four members, of whom the President shall be one This committee shall prepare the program for the meetings of the Board, assign to individual members of the Board such work as may be necessary, devise ways and means for the furtherance of the work of the Board, and shall act for the Board in such emergencies as may arise calling for immediate action.

2. *The Finance Committee.* This committee shall consist of three members, of whom the Treasurer shall be one. It shall be the duty of this Committee to devise ways and means for the

raising of such moneys as the work of the Board may require, to be submitted to the United Synod for approval.

Article VI.—Meetings.

This Board shall hold at least one regular meeting in each year at such time and place as the Board or the Executive Committee shall determine, provided that the meeting for the organization shall be held within two months after the adjournment of each regular convention of the United Synod.

Special meetings shall be held at the call of the President or of three members of the Board.

Article VII.—Quorum.

Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article VIII.—Amendments.

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board by a two-thirds vote of the members present: Provided, however, That such amendment shall have been communicated in writing to each member of the Board not less than two months prior to the meeting at which it is to be acted upon; and such amendment shall be reported to the United Synod for its approval.

The Officers elected in accordance with this Constitution are as follows:

President—Rev. W. Hoppe, D.D.

Vice-President—Dr. Geo. B. Cromer.

Secretary—Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin.

Treasurer—Rev. J. H. Wannemacher.

Executive Committee—The President, ex-officio, A. D. R. Hancher, Geo. B. Cromer and C. P. MacLaughlin.

Finance Committee—The Treasurer, ex-officio, Geo. B. Cromer and C. P. MacLaughlin.

Every member of the Board was present at this meeting. After careful and deliberate discussion it was resolved to hold an Educational Conference in June, to which all literary and theological institutions of the Lutheran Church on our territory should be invited.

In accordance with this resolution the First Educational Conference, under the auspices of the Board of Education of the United Synod, was held at Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., June 17 and 18, 1914. The general subject of the discussion was, "The

Aim and Scope of Christian Education." It was developed under twelve heads, by men representing the ten institutions on the territory of our Southern Church. The papers were thoroughly discussed. Both in the papers and in their discussion there was a frankness of expression and an insight into the problems which confront us which presage harmony, cooperation and efficient service in the future. Difficult problems confront us in our educational work, and it will take years of patient and painstaking effort to coordinate all the interests so as to conserve rights of individuals and yet further Christian education as a force among us. The attendance at the Conference was most gratifying. Every member of the Board was present, and every institution was represented by one or more delegates from their faculties and Boards.

The subjoined resolutions and motions were unanimously adopted by the Conference:

1. The Board of Education deserve commendation for the arrangement of the Conference; for its excellent program; and its selection of timely and relevant subjects for discussions.

2. The aim of our existing Church Institutions, with the exception of the Theological Seminary, is and should continue to be to provide that general education and culture, which fits for life in any vocation; and the courses of study should be arranged with that end in view.

3. The special object of Church Institutions is to give such education as has been indicated in connection with positive religious influence.

4. The educational interest of the Church, as represented in the United Synod, demand cooperation, comity, and a mutually helpful attitude among its institutions. Such friendly and helpful relations among our institutions may be furthered by conferences, such as this now assembled, and the occasional meeting together of the heads of the different schools to consult about questions on curriculum, degrees, discipline, terms of transfer of students, from one institution to the other, and common interests generally.

5. Our synods and pastors should continue to press upon the attention of our people the importance of Christian education, and the need of loyal support and adequate equipment and maintenance of our schools.

6. It is the sense of this committee that all of the Church schools for men in the United Synod, having in mind the urgent need of more able and consecrated ministers for the work of the Church, should give urgent attention to dicharging their obliga-

tions to influence suitable men to enter the ministry of the Church.

7. That it is the sense of this Conference that it is a good thing for the Board of Education to be associated with the Council of Church Boards of Education in the United States.

8. That it is the sense of this Conference that it would be well for the Committee on Cooperation of the United Synod to enter into the plan proposed by the other general bodies to raise Five Million Dollars for Education and Missions during the next three years.

9. That the Board of Education be requested to arrange for another Educational Conference a year hence.

10. That the Board of Education be asked to suggest to the United Synod the advisability of a Sunday each year to be known as Education Sunday.

A copy of the program of the First Educational Conference is attached to this report.

Copies of the catalogue of the various institutions for the biennium have been received by the Board and are on file. It may be of interest to note the affiliation and the progress of each institution.

The Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., is owned and controlled by the United Synod. The dean's home has been finished, and is occupied. The third Professor, Dr. J. C. Seegers, has been called and has entered upon his active duties. Twenty-one students were enrolled during 1912-1913, and sixteen during 1913-1914.

Roanoke College, Salem, Va., under the control of Virginia and Southwestern Virginia Synods, was attended by 167 students in 1912-1913, and by 174 in 1913-1914. Nineteen professors constitute the faculty, and to this force have been added one instructor and two assistants. The endowment has been increased by $6,000, and now totals $143,720.

Newberry College, Newberry, S. C., is owned and controlled by the South Carolina Synod. The present gymnasium is being converted into a Y. M. C. A. Hall, to be known as the "Karl Monts Counts Memorial," and a new gymnasium will be erected near the new athletic grounds. A faculty of fifteen professors hae instructed 194 students in 1912-1913, and 182 in 1913-1914.

Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., is owned and managed by the Tennessee Synod. It is co-educational with a faculty of fifteen professors, who instructed 250 students in 1912-1913, and 287 in 1913-1914. Extensive plans for the further development of its valuable plant are being considered.

Mt. Amoena Seminary, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., is the property of the North Carolina Synod. The 43 students in 1912-1913, and the 78 in 1913-1914 were instructed by a faculty of nine professors.

The Collegiate Institute, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., is conducted under the auspices of the North Carolina Synod. It has a faculty of six professors and a student body in 1912-1913 of 108, and in 1913-1914 of 102.

Roanoke Woman's College, Salem, Va., is operated by the Synods of Virginia and of Southwestern Virginia, and has a faculty of thirteen professors. During 1912-1913 there were 70 students in attendance, and during 1913-1914 there were 100 students. A room has been arranged for a library, and a valuable nucleus of books is on the shelves.

Summerland College, Leesville, S. C., is the property of the South Carolina Synod, and is operating under a faculty of eight professors with several lecturers. There were 47 students enrolled in 1912-1913 and 75 students in 1913-1914.

Elizabeth College, Charlotte, N. C., is not affiliated with any Synod. It has a faculty of twenty-one professors, with an attendance in 1912-1913 of 191 students and in 1913-1914 of 190 students.

Marion College, Marion, Va., is not connected with any Synod. There is a faculty of eleven professors, and an enrollment in 1912-1913 of 90 students, and in 1913-1914 of 119 students.

It appears from this account that 629 young men and 694 young women, a total of 1,323, were in attendance at our various institutions during 1913-1914, under the efficient leadership of 120 professors. Our institutions are well equipped for the work which they are doing, and deserve the loyal support of the whole church. Large and important possibilities present themselves for consideration and adjustment. Within the limited time at its disposal your Board has not begun to realize their full scope. It hopes, however, to be able eventually to co-ordinate and systematize the educational work within the United Synod, so as to produce harmony and efficiency of service.

To accomplish these results, even partially, it will be necessary to hold conferences and meetings of the Board, and prepare and disseminate reports and information. We would request of the United Synod such funds as to meet these necessary expenses. In compliance with the resolution passed at the Educational Conference, your Board would suggest that the first Sunday in June be designated as Education Sunday, and that the special offering of that day be devoted to the needs of this Board.

The expenses of printing, etc., in connection with the First Education Conference, amounting to $6, have been borne by a member of the Board, and it is recommended that the United Synod reimburse him to that amount. Further, that the Board be authorized to have a sufficient number of copies of its Constitution printed in separate form.

Respectfully submitted for the Board of Education,

W. HOPPE, President.

PROGRAMME FIRST EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE UNDER AUSPICES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

General subject, "The Aim and Scope of Christian Education."

First session: Wednesday, 3 p. m., Opening service. Introductory remarks, Dr. W. Hoppe, President of the Board. "The First Duty of a Church School, What is It?"—Dr. J. Henry Harms. "Church College Courses, How Far Extended Should They Be?"—Prof. R. A. Goodman. "What Constitutes an Acceptable Bachelor's Degree?"—Dr. Chas. B. King. "What Constitutes Religious Education in Undergraduate Work?"—Prof. G. F. McAllister. "How can the Religious Element be made Real and Effective?"—Prof. John C. Peery.

Second session: Wednesday, 8 p. m.—Address, "The Place of the Church School in the Educational Work of the Republic."—Dr. J. A. Morehead. Address, "The Duty of the Church to its Educational Institutions."—Dr. A. G. Voigt.

Third session: Thursday, 9 a. m.—Open conference. "The Future of the Denominational School"—Dr. R. L. Fritz. "Do we have too many schools in the United Synod?"—Dr. L. A. Fox. "What Can the United Synod do to Advance the Educational Interests of the Church?"—Prof. P. E. Monroe. "Are the Standards of Scholarship Growing or Weakening?"—Dr. Henderson N. Miller. "What Principles Should Govern our Institutions in Granting Honorary Degrees?"—Dr. John C. Seegers. Discussion. Business. Adjournment.

Institutions represented—Roanoke College, Salem, Va., Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., President; Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., Rev. R. L. Fritz, D.D., President; Newberry College, Newberry, S. C., Rev. J. Henry Harms, D.D., President; Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., Prof. G. F. McAllister, M. A., Principal; Marion College for Women, Marion, Va., Rev. Henderson N. Miller, Ph.D., President; Mont Amoena Seminary, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., Rev. R. A. Goodman, M.A., President; Summerland College for Women, Leesville, S. C., Rev. P. E. Monroe, M.A., President;

Roanoke Woman's College, Salem, Va., Rev. John C. Peery, M.A., President; Elizabeth College for Women, Charlotte, N. C., Rev. Chas. B. King, D.D., President; Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., Dean.

The Board of Directors of Theological Seminary made its report. This report was referred to Committee on the Report of Theological Seminary.

(No. 10.)

Report of Board of Directors of Theological Seminary.

The Board of Directors as constituted at the last meeting of the United Synod, met November 14, 1912, and organized by electing the following named members as its officers: Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., President; Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, Vice-President; A. H. Kohn, Secretary; Hon. C. M. Efird, Treasurer.

The attendance of the students at the Seminary during the session of 1912-1913 comprised twenty-one in all.: Eight in the Senior class, seven in the Middle class, and six in the Junior class. The entire Senior class received certificates of graduation at the close of the session. The two professors, during this session, were assisted by gratuitous services of Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., and Rev. C. E. Weltner, D.D.

During the session of 1913-1914, the attendance of students was sixteen in all.—one was a former graduate, who returned to pursue further studies in theology; one pursued a select course, as a special student; six were in the Senior class; six in the Middle class; and two in the Junior class.

Certificates of graduation were awarded to the Senior class at the close of the session, and certificates were awarded to the two who took special courses in the Seminary. The most of the teaching during the session was done by the two regular professors.

A liberal offer of Dr. R. Z. Thomas to teach the students pulpit elocution gratuitously was accepted, and every Monday morning during the greater part of the session Dr. Thomas went to the Seminary for the purpose indicated.

The Board of Directors gave suitable recognition of the kindness and interest thus manifested by Dr. Thomas.

There are at the present time in the Seminary fourteen students—six in the Senior class; two in the Middle class; and six in the Junior class.

We were gratified to be able to report that of the seven students who entered the Seminaries this session for the first time, six our at our own institution.

In accordance with instructions given the Board by this Synod at its last convention (Minutes, page 92), after deliberate and prayerful consideration, the Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., was called to the chair of Practical Theology in the Seminary. It is gratifying to the Church to know that Dr. Seegers accepted the call, and that he entered upon the service of the institution the first of last May.

We are most thankful that in the Providence of God, we have been able to secure this very able and energetic young brother as the third professor in our Seminary, and that he is at this time rendering most efficient and satisfactory work in his department. Dr. Seegers was installed on the 23rd of last September, Seminary Day.

The Board of Directors exercising the power vested in them by the United Synod, had constructed on one of the lots donated for that purpose, and separate from the one on which the Administration Building stands, a professor's house, at a cost of $5,872.79. The funds required for the building of this home were borrowed, for which the Board executed proper notes. The Dean and his family have been occupying this house for about a year.

For good reasons the Board decided it wise and best not to build the other professor's house during the biennium now closing.

The financial condition on Seminary buildings is as follows:

Total indebtedness on Administration Building and Professor's House	$ 20,850 00
Assets in subscription bonds and pledges	10,522 37
Leaving	$ 10,327 63

(for the payment of which no provision has been made).

Since the first of January, 1914, nothing has been done towards securing funds with which to cancel the indebtedness, as Rev. M. O. J. Kreps resigned as financial secretary of the Seminary in December, 1913, and said resignation took effect the first of this year. It is highly important that this Synod take proper action at this time to provide for this debt, and especially for the interest occurring annually until the full debt is paid.

The report of the Treasurer of the building fund, Dr. C. L. Kibler, has been audited by the Board, and is held subject to examination, if desired, by this body.

We submit the following summary of the last annual report of the Treasurer, the Hon. C. M. Efird:

Amount of Corpus	$ 38,315 62
Amount loaned	38,402 19
Amount overloaned	$ 86 57
Income account	$ 4,498 37
Amount paid out	4,262 33
Cash on hand	149 33
Collections on Third Professor fund	886 00
Total cash on hand	$ 1,035 33

The Board of Directors, realizing that there could hardly be any returns for the first year from the $2,500 appropriated to the Seminary annually by the Synod at its last convention, and which was to be apportioned among and raised by the several District Synods, sent out special appeals to the pastors and some friends for contributions in order to provide for the increased demands of the Seminary by the addition of another professor. The sum of $886, to which reference is made in the Treasurer's report, resulted from said appeals.

In order that annual current expenses of the Seminary may be met, the Board would urge that all District Synods composing the United Synod pay their respective apportionment for the Seminary, as laid upon them by this body at its last meeting.

Realizing the imperative need of a larger endowment for the Seminary, the Board of Directors at their last annual meeting unanimously resolved that the United Synod at this convention be requested to authorize the Board to launch a movement for the purpose of raising $50,000 additional endowment. We pray that this Synod will grant this request.

Through the active interest of Dr. Seegers, some handsome donations have been made to the Seminary Chapel. A mahogany altar was donated by Mrs. Mary Seegers; a lecturn of the same material by Dr. C. L. Kibler; carpet for the chancel and brass furnishings by Mrs. M. S. Habenicht. Mrs. Habenicht, our always faithful and generous friend, also gave, more than a year ago, $300 for the purpose of placing book racks in the Seminary Library. Dr. Seegers also obtained as a gift four slate blackboards from H. J. Steele, Esq., of Eastern Pennsylvania.

At the last annual meeting of the Board, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., resigned as President of the Board, and Rev. M. O. J.

Kreps was elected as his successor. Rev. J. H. Wilson, D.D., was elected Vice-President.

At the meeting of the Board in May, 1913, the following was adopted:

"*Whereas,* It appears that, at the time of the failure of the Lexington Savings Bank, C. M. Efird, as Treasurer of the Seminary Fund, had several thousand dollars on deposit in the said Bank, and that he promptly made good the loss, mortgaging his individual property to do so;

"*Resolved,* That a committee of three be appointed to investigate the matter and report to this Board at its next meeting, to the end that the Board may be advised as to the property and advisability of recommending to the United Synod that Mr. Efird be relieved of this loss."

Dr. G. B. Cromer, Rev. C. A. Freed and Mr. A. H. Kohn were appointed the committee to make the above mentioned investigation.

At the last annual meeting of the Board in May 1914, the committee reported as follows:

"Your Committee had a conference with Mr. Efird in person, and he filed with the Committee, the affidavits attached to this report. These affidavits show that at the time of the failure of the bank of W. P. Roof, Mr. Efird had on deposit in the bank to his credit as Treasurer, the sum of $3,414.77.

"Mr. Efird states that he could have lent $1,400 of this amount on good collateral, as he had applications for loans to this amount; and he says that he feels that the loss of $1,400 of the amount was, therefore, due to his negligence in overlooking the fact that this amount was available for loans when he received the applications. It is his conclusion that this loss of $1,400 should be borne by him personally.

"The evidence before your Committee shows that Mr. Efird did not know that the Roof Bank was unsound. And, as the Board of Directors had not designated a bank in which he should keep his funds as Treasurer, this loss entails great hardship upon Mr. Efird. At the most, he was guilty of simple negligence, and the Committee regrets the he must suffer loss.

"In view of Mr. Efird's own conclusion that he should bear the loss of $1,400, your Committee recommends that he be relieved from liability for the loss of the amount that he had on deposit in excess of $1,400.

"It is proper to state that as soon as Mr. Efird discovered his loss he borrowed the money on his own property and made it good; and that this matter of asking the Synod to relieve him

was brought to the attention of the Board of Directors by friends of Mr. Efird on their own initiative."

The recommendation of the Committee was unanimously adopted by the Board, and you are requested to confirm that action.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. J. KREPS, President.

The Committee on Finance and Apportionment was received to be considered by items. Pending its consideration Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. E. A. Repass. At 8 p. m. Vespers services were held in Ebenezer church led by Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe. Address on Orphan Home by Rev. J. Luther Frantz, on Inner Missions by Rev. E. A. Repass.

FOURTH SESSION.

Thursday, November 12, 1914, 9:30 A. M.

Synod assembled, and services were led by Rev. C. K. Hunton.

Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The report of Committee on Finance and Apportionment was taken up, and adopted as follows:

(No. 11.)

Report of Committee on Finance and Apportionment.

Your Committee would report that there were sent to the Chairman statements by the Treasurer of the United Synod, the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and the Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home. These all have been carefully considered and with regard to them we offer the following information and recommendations.

1. The Treasurer's statement shows a balance in hand of five hundred and eighty-four dollars and ninety-eight cents ($584.98), and dues on the one-half cent per capita assessment of fifty-four dollars and thirty cents ($54.30) from the South Carolina Synod, and sixty-one dollars and eighty-three cents ($61.83) from the Tennessee Synod; total due the treasurer, one hundred and sixteen dollars and thirteen cents ($116.13).

It is the judgment of your Committee that, with royalty from sales from the Book of Worship and the assets of the Treasury, the apportionment heretofore adopted of one-half cent per capita should be sufficient to meet the ordinary expenses of the Synod.

2. The Board of Foreign Missions presents, as the basis of its estimate of what will be needed per annum for the next biennium, the annual expense of conducting the Japan Mission as at present organized. The statement follows:

Exhibit "A"—I, II, III.

The Board feels compelled to ask for an annual apportionment of not less than $25,000 to maintain the work in its present proportions and efficiency. This amount will necessitate an increase of $5,000 annually over the former apportionment.

3. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension will show in its report the following disbursements for the biennium, October 1, 1912 to October 1, 1914.

On account of Home Missions	$12,522 60
On account of Church Extension	6,167 66
Total for Home Missions and Church Extension	$18,690 26

The Board ask for an apportionment of $25,000 annually, the same as that ordered by the Synod in 1912, and says that nothing less than the amount asked for will enable the succeeding Board to administer the Home Mission interests adequately.

4. It appears from the reports of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary in recent years that the expense of maintaining that institution has been something over $4,000. With the addition of another professor the cost will be $5,600, as nearly as can be estimated. To meet these necessary expenses the Board has permanent income from endowment and from the Synod of South Carolina of about $3,500. The Board of Directors asks the United Synod for the same apportionment that was laid two years ago: viz., $2,500 per annum, and insists that this amount must be forthcoming in order that it may be able to meet its obligations to the professors and pay incidental expenses.

Summing up the amounts asked by the several boards for maintenance, or for maintenance and extension of their work, and the apportionment, which seems to be needed for the treasury of the United Synod we obtain the following:

For Foreign Missions per annum	$25,000
For Home Missions and Church Extension per annum	25,000
For Theological Seminary per annum	2,500
For United Synod treasury, one-half cent per capita	250
Total	$52,750

This, then may be regarded as our annual budget for the next two years; and while it represents an increase of $5,000 over former years your Committee feel that, in view of the success with which the Lord has blessed our labors, the apportionment of a little more than one dollar per capita for our membership ought to be cheerfully and even joyfully accepted.

We therefore recommend,

1. That the apportionments asked by the several boards be authorized.

2. That the apportionment of one-half cent per capita for the treasury of the United Synod be renewed.

3. For the purpose of securing more systematic activity on the part of all our people in support of the rapidly developing work of our beloved Zion we recommend the general adoption among our congregations of the Duplex envelope system introduced with an every member canvass.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. SCHERER,
CHAS. K. HUNTON,
L. L. LOHR,
V. Y. BOOZER,
GEO. B. CROMER,
J. E. COOPER,
G. F. McALLISTER.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—ANNUAL EXPENSE.

1. *Actual Outlay.*

Salaries of five Missionaries		$ 7,150
Support of evangelists, Bible women, taxes, insurance, rents, the allowances for teacher, health, and administration incidentals		6,000
Support of Mission School, two-thirds of $7,700 (General Council paying one-third)		5,133
Interest on money borrowed at home to supplement income ($5,000)		300
Annuity on $4,500		275
Administration expenses:		
Salary of General Secretary	$1,200	
Allowance to treasurer	100	
Other expenses, printing, etc.	350	—$ 1,650

2. *Contingent.*

To be provided for: Furloughs	$ 1,000

3. *Buildings.*

Repairs, equipment, annually if needs are to be met, at least	$ 4,000
Total	$ 26,508

The Committee on President's Report was received and considered by items. Items 1, 2, and 3 were adopted. Further consideration of the report was suspended, and the regular order, which was the hearing of reports of delegates to other bodies, was taken up.

Rev. W. H. Greever, Fraternal delegate to the General Synod, made his report which was adopted:

(No. 12.)

Report of Fraternal Delegate to the General Synod.

Dear Brethren: The Forty-sixth Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America was held at Atchison, Kansas, May 14-21, 1913. Having gone to that meeting of the General Synod in behalf of certain general interests of the Lutheran Church in America, and the official delegate of the United Synod, Dr. J. Henry Harms, having found it impossible to attend, I was commissioned by the President of the United Synod to serve as substitute delegate and to convey the greetings of this body to the General Synod.

I found a characteristic American spirit prevailing in that body and a spirit of buoyancy and good humor which, while it did not interfere with the proper attention to serious business, broke down the sharp lines of formality, and the reception to the representative of the United Synod was in keeping with that spirit.

The General Synod has a membership of 329,699 communicants, 1,831 congregations, and 1,366 ministers. It was organized in 1820, and is composed of 24 District Synods, the youngest of which, the West Virginia Synod, was organized in 1912. The General Synod is highly organized, and is characteristically a legislative body. The greater part of the work of the members of that Synod is carried on by the general body itself, and it is in no large sense a federation of District Synods.

At the meeting in Atchison the chief interest centered in doctrinal matters, though large attention, as is usual in the General Synod, was given to the practical work. At that meet-

ing the Synod made a doctrinal declaration which will hold a prominent place in the history of confessional Lutheranism in America. That declaration was defined as in no sense a modification of the historical doctrinal position of the General Synod, but simply as an elaboration which was deemed necessary in order to guard the General Synod against misapprehension on the part of other Lutheran bodies. It reiterated its declaration that subscription to the unaltered Augsburg Confession is sufficient as a basis for unity among Lutherans, and added a statement declaring its high appreciation of the other symbolical books as correct elaborations and explanations of the teachings of the Augsburg Confession.

A special feature in the meeting of the General Synod is the report on foreign correspondence, which contains a large number of letters on various theological, sociological, and ecclesiastical questions from leading men in Europe.

Much attention was given to the subject of cooperation with other Lutheran bodies, especially in the celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation, in the work of the Joint Common Service Committee, in the production of a common Sunday school literature, and in the work of the arbitration committee on Home Missions with reference to the relationship between the General Synod and the General Council. The Lutheran consciousness of the General Synod appeared to be clear and strong, and the American spirit of progressiveness was everywhere evident. The General Synod maintains a system of educational institutions, which adequately provides for the education of its young people, with the possible exception of a college for women. It is also very active in the work for Home Missions and for Foreign Missions, and is developing effective organization for Inner Mission work.

Dr. P. M. Bikle was elected delegate from the General Synod to this meeting of the United Synod, and the expressions of fraternal feeling toward this body were as strong as they could have been made. The General Synod appointed a committee to cooperate with similar committees from this body and other Lutheran bodies in this country for the preparation of proper plans for a pan-Lutheran celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation in 1917. This body is asked to appoint again a committee for that purpose, and the other committees heretofore existing for cooperative work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER.

Rev. W. H. Greever also reported as our Fraternal Visitor to the General Council, which was adopted.

(No. 13.)

Report of Fraternal Delegate to the General Council.

Dear Brethren: The Thirty-fourth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America was held in St. Matthew's Church, Toledo, Ohio, September 11-16, 1913. As official fraternal delegate from the United Synod, I attended as many of the sessions of the General Council as possible, and conveyed the greetings of this body. My reception was cordial, and the feeling of the General Council toward the United Synod is a feeling of fraternal fellowship and a deepest practical interest. I stated briefly the conditions under which we are doing our work, the outlook in our field, and the principles for which we stand.

The General Council is one of the largest and most progressive bodies of Lutherans in America, with a membership of 486,722 communicants, 2,544 congregations, and 1,655 ministers. There were 110 ministers present as delegates from the various District Synods, and 65 laymen, making a total of 175. While the General Council has interpreted itself more in the light of a federation than a legislative body, it is still true that it transacts a large volume of business at its regular meetings, and is evolving an effective organization.

Much attention was given at this meeting to missions, Home, Foreign and Inner. In connection with Home Missions much attention was given to the proposed rules of cooperation between the General Council and the General Synod, and some of the problems arising out of overlapping territory were left unsettled.

Important resolutions were passed concerning the basis for cooperation with other Lutheran bodies in the foreign fields, especially India and Japan, contemplating the conduct of theological seminaries and other institutions according to the doctrinal standards of the General Council.

The President presented an extended report and correspondence in reference to the relation of the General Council to the "Allegemeine Konferenz," in which it was shown that the unionistic character of the "Konferenz" was not wholly satisfactory to the General Council. An extended report was presented also on the subject of a World Conference on Faith and Order, the invitation to join in such a conference having come from the Protestant Episcopal Church. The General Council made a

declaration in that connection which is worthy the attention, not only of this body but of all Lutherans. (See Minutes of the Toledo Convention, pages 226-228.) On every hand there was evidence of intelligent grasp of world conditions as well as American conditions, and a serious determination on the part of the General Council to fulfill what it conceives to be its divine mission in the world.

By a special resolution the General Council construed the meaning of its apportionments, declaring that they impose binding and Christian obligations, and are to be so regarded by those upon whom they are laid.

The General Council reappointed its committee to serve with a Joint Committee on Common Service and Common Hymnal, also its committee to serve with joint committees in the preparation of common Sunday School literature for all Lutherans in America, and a committee to serve with joint committee composed of representatives from all Lutheran bodies in America for the preparation of suitable plans for the celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation. This body should give due attention to all of these overtures and plans for cooperation.

The meeting at Toledo was considered by those who attended it to be one of the most constructive meetings in the history of that body. The General Council commissioned Dr. John A. W. Haas to bear its greetings as fraternal delegate to this meeting of the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER.

Rev. Prof. P. M. Bikle, Ph.D., D.D., Fraternal Representative of the General Synod, was introduced by Rev. A. G. Voigt. In pleasing terms he presented the greetings of the Synod from which he comes. Rev. M. M. Kinard responded in terms of like character.

Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D., President of Muhlenberg College, and the official Visitor of the General Council, was introduced by Rev. A. D. R. Hancher. Dr. Haas in most cordial greetings from the General Council addressed the Synod, the response being made by our President, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer.

Rev. J. A. Morehead then introduced Rev. Prof. Frank P. Manhart, D.D., who comes as a special committee from the General Synod on General Conference. His request was cordially received, and referred to Committee on Letters and Petitions.

The invitation to visit the Theological Seminary, and the Lutheran Survey building was accepted.

Rev. John C. Carman, Superintendent of the South Carolina Sunday School Association, was introduced to the Synod.

The consideration of the report on President's Report was resumed, and finally adopted as follows:

(No. 14.)

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We, your Committee on the President's Report, submit the following:

The President calls attention to world conditions that are now, and must continue to affect the life and work of a large part of the Christian Church—conditions which must affect more or less the work of our own loved church both at home and abroad, and that appeal to us for sympathy and cooperation in extending relief to the suffering and the rescue of the Foreign Mission work of the German Lutheran Church. We most heartily recommend this part of the report to the serious and prayerful consideration of every member of this body.

After a resume of the work of the past biennium, noting the progress made by the Synod and the disposition of our forces, as means of strengthening our positions, he makes the following recommendations:

1. He recommends that the United Synod suggest to the District Synods a uniform plan for the improvement of Sunday schools and also adopt practical measures to aid them in this vital work. We desire to express our entire approval of this recommendation, and suggest that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Common Sunday School Literature for action.

2. The President recommends that this body put itself on record in regard to the necessity of Higher Christian education for the progress of the Church, and the duty of the people in the premises.

We recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that every minister and all the people of all our Distirct Synods should set apart special times for prayer and efforts to instruct and give needed information upon this great subject of Christian education, impressing the necessity and importance of loyalty to and liberal support of our own institutions of learning and where practical giving them preference over all others.

3. The President recommends that this body express its conception of the proper standard at which the people should aim in ministerial support.

We recommend that the following be adopted as such expression:

Resolved, That we recognize with regret the almost universal inadequacy in the material support of our ministers, and urge upon the District Synods, at their next annual conventions, to adopt such measures as shall result in a radical improvement in this important matter and that a committee be appointed to investigate the whole matter and report definite recommendations to the next convention of this body.

4. The President recommends that with regard to the practical attitude of the United Synod toward the Negro race in the South a special committee be appointed to investigate the field, to thoroughly study the problem and to propose action at the next convention of this body. We recommend that such committee be appointed and report the result of its investigation.

5. The President recommends that the plan of a standing committee on Fraternal Cooperation be continued. We recommend the adoption of the same.

6. We recommend that a committee to consider the request of the Joint Synod of Ohio be appointed and report at this convention.

7. The President recommends that a special committee be appointed to suggest action upon conservative efforts to promote unity in the Christian Church at large, and, if practicable, to report to this convention.

We recommended that such committee be appointed.

8. We recommend that a vote of thanks and appreciation be given the retiring President for the very faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. COX,
JNO. F. FICKEN,
A. D. R. HANCHER,
CHAS. K. HUNTON,
C. O. MILLER.

Rev. Prof. Geo. T. Rygh, and Rev. Walter E. Schuette, Editors on the staff of the *American Lutheran Survey,* were introduced, and made advisory members.

The Committee on Fraternal Co-operation made its report, which was adopted; and the Treasurer of this Synod authorized to pay the bill of expenses incurred by Revs. M. G. G. Scherer, C. F. W. Hoppe, W. H. Greever and J. A. Morehead.

(No. 15.)

Report of Committee on Fraternal Co-operation.

The important subject engaging the attention of the Committee on Fraternal Co-operation during the past biennium, has been the proposed celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation in 1917.

The chairman of your Committee met with the chairmen of committees of the General Council and General Synod in Harrisburg last June. At that time arrangements were made for a meeting of the Joint Committee of these three general bodies at Atlantic City, September 1st. This meeting was duly held, four members of the Committee of this body being present. Because the purpose developed in the meeting to endeavor to secure the co-operation of all Lutheran forces in America in this great celebration, it was decided to make the actions of this meeting tentative in character, pending the gathering of representatives from all who so co-operate at a later date. However, important tentative conclusions were reached.

The Joint Committee felt that the great purpose of the celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary should be the interpretation of the principles of the Reformation and of the Lutheran Church to the American people. It is proposed to accomplish this end by public meetings by well planned publicity and by the production of a new literature of the subject. It was also proposed to signalize the great occasion by accomplishing a notable work for the advancement of the cause of the great Church of the Reformation, by raising the sum of ten million ($10,000,000) dollars for the great causes of the Church. It was also proposed to consummate the celebration by simultaneous meetings of the joint bodies represented in the national celebration.

On the basis of the preliminary action of the Joint Committee, it is recommended:

1. That the United Synod reaffirm its purpose of co-operating in this movement for the proper celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation.

2. That a standing Committee of eight, of which the President shall ex officio be a member, on the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation, be appointed by the President.

3. That the United Synod endeavor to raise three-quarter of a million dollars ($750,000) for the various causes of the Church, including the amounts raised for special objects by Synods, Boards and Institutions.

4. That this fund shall be known as the Quadri-Centennial Reformation Fund.

5. That a Committee of three be appointed to superintend the raising of this fund.

6. That the United Synod assume its proportionate part of the expenses of the committee on publicity and literature, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay all bills as presented.

7. That the United Synod approve the idea of simultaneous official meetings of the participating bodies in the same city in 1917.

8. The Joint Committee at the Atlantic City meeting passed a resolution suggesting that the general bodies represented should bear the expenses of the members of their several committees. In this connection, it is reported that the expenses of Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., were $35.80; Dr. Hoppe, $35; Dr. W. H. Greever, 35, and Dr. J. A. Morehead, $36.50 (two meetings).

Respectfully submiitted,

J. A. MOREHEAD,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
L. A. FOX,
A. G. VOIGT,
W. HOPPE,
W. H. GREEVER,
H. A. McCULLOUGH,
E. C. CRONK.

A Memorial from the North Carolina Synod was read by Rev. M. M. Kinard, which was referred to the Committee on Letters and Petitions.

The Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home was presented, and referred to the Committee on Orphan Home.

The Committee on Lowman Home reported. Pending the consideration of this report Synod adjourned to be convened at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

Prayer by Rev. B. S. Brown.

At 8 p. m. in Ebenezer Church Vesper services led by Rev. E. A. Shenk, with address on Publication Interests by Rev. Jno. D. Mauney, and on Theological Seminary by Rev. L. A. Fox.

FIFTH SESSION.

Friday, November 13, 1914, 9:30 A. M.

Synod assembled and the Matin Services were led by Rev. Jas. F. Deal.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.
The following committees were appointed:

Special Committees.

1. *On Ministerial Support*—to report at next meeting of United Synod—Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, B. B. Miller, Esq., and Mr. R. G. Rhyne.

2. *On Work for the Negro Race*—to report at next meeting of United Synod—Revs. J. C. Seegers, B. S. Brown, J. J. Scherer, Jr., Dr. Geo. B. Cromer and Prof. Geo. F. McAllister.

3. *On Christian Unity.*—Revs. A. G. Voigt, L. A. Fox, and L. L. Lohr.

4. *On Fraternal Co-operation*—to report at next meeting United Synod—Revs. M. G. G. Scherer, Chairman; A. G. Voigt, L. A. Fox, J. A. Morehead, W. H. Greever, C. F. W. Hoppe, E. C. Cronk and H. A. McCullough.

5. *To Superintend Raising of Quadri-Centennial Fund*—to report at next meeting of the United Synod—Rev. W. H. Greever and Messrs. A. H. Snider and J. E. Cooper.

6. *On Request of Joint Synod of Ohio.*—Revs. L. A. Fox, F. K. Roof, T. B. Epting, and Messrs. W. F. Aberly and A. W. Huffman.

The President nominated the following Executive Committee: Revs. J. A. Morehead, M. M. Kinard, and Messrs. H. L. Bonham and C. M. Efird. Elected.

The report of Committee on the Lowman Home was now taken up, and, on motion,

It was,

Resolved, That this United Synod take over the Lowman Home, as contemplated in the original gift.

(No. 16.)

Report of Committee on Lowman Home.

We, your Committee on the Lowman Home, respectfully submit the following data, and in view of the magnitude of the undertaking and its far reaching influences, we recommend the consideration of the question in open Synod:

THE LOWMAN HOME—PROPERTY AND RESOURCES.

About 1,000 acres of land valued at $22,000 00
of which 225 (about) acres under cultivation. All
of balance except about 200 acres would be well

adapted to cultivation. Estimated that on the property there is at least one million feet of saw timber; second growth pine, oak and poplar. About fifty acres of the land is within the corporate limits of White Rock. Water is supplied by a well, from which an adequate supply is obtained, being pumped by a gasoline engine.

One six-room frame cottage; Superintendent's house (nine rooms); Barn 40x40, with sheds 10 feet wide on three sides,—three buildings, cost together.....	3,600 00
Water tank, with engine, pump and piping, cost.....	275 00
Three and one-eighth acres of land in White Rock.....	156 00
Stock—	
Ten head of mules.....	1,500 00
Two milk cows	80 00
Three young cattle	40 00
Farming implements	175 00
Cash (subject to 6 per cent. interest payable to Mrs. Lowman during her natural life).....	1,150 00
Total valuation .....$	29,076 00
Amount borrowed from bank (now due).....$	2,700 00
Amount of private notes running from one to four years	3,100 00
Sundry amounts (about)	750 00
Indebtedness amounting to (about)	6,550 00
Assets over against this amount—	
Value of unsold cotton crop.....$1,250 00	
Corn crop 550 00	
Other crops ..... 200 00—	2,000 00
Indebtedness unprovided for .....$	4,550 00

OCCUPANTS OF THE HOME.

Mrs. R. M. Lowman (age about 70), Mr. Chas. Lowman (age about 45) and Miss Lillian Lowman (age about 34) are to be kept during their natural life by the Home. Two other aged women, one aged 69, and the other about 73.

So far the Church at large has put into the Home about $1,150.

Current expenses now amount to $160 per month ($1,920 per year).

Amount required to provide additional buildings needed for the immediate future, $10,000.

GEO. H. COX,
J. E. COOPER,
CHAS. K. HUNTON.

The Committee to Nominate Board of Lowman Home was constituted as follows: Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, and Messrs. Jno. F. Ficken and Jno. A. Cline.

Dr. Geo. B. Cromer made the report of the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The report was adopted.

(No. 17.)

Report from Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement has directed its energies along educational, financial and inspirational lines during the past biennium. The work has been presented with unremitting zeal by our able and efficient General Secretary, the Rev. E. C. Cronk, D.D.

Approximately a quarter of a million pieces of literature have been distributed among the people. The needs of the field and principles of Christian stewardship have been presented in sermons and addresses before individual congregations and missionary conferences and rallies. Mission Study has been promoted in our educational institutions and in congregations, and scores of classes have been successfully conducted.

By means of the Every Member canvass systematic giving has been introduced in many congregations for both local support and beneficence. Recent investigations indicate that about one hundred and fifty congregations are using the Duplex envelope for weekly offerings and a small number for monthly and semi-monthly offerings. In nearly every instance these congregations have largely increased their contributions. In the distribution of literature and the making of every member canvasses hundreds of men have been called into more or less active service and among these are a few men who are becoming leaders and men of influence in the Church.

The movement has planned along similar lines for the immediate future. The district synods have endorsed the work by the appointment of committees to cooperate with the Laymen's

Missionary Movement in a church-wide campaign for 1914-1915. This campaign calls for training conferences to be held in the Lutheran centers for the purpose of training leaders in the missionary propaganda.

The South Carolina Synod at its recent meeting authorized a Synod-wide campaign under the direction of the Laymen's Missionary Movement looking to the every member canvass and the introduction of systematic giving in all churches of the Synod. This is the best opportunity the Movement has yet had to prove its efficiency in a large synod.

The general policy of the Movement remains the same as in the past except that greater emphasis will be laid on the educational side of the work. As in the past, it will continue to expend itself through the regular channels of the church.

On February 17-19, 1914, the Second General Convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement was held in Columbia, S. C. Thirty-five invited speakers took part in the program and nearly one thousand people were in attendance. The railroads issued an open "round trip rate" on account of the Convention.

At the Biennial Convention held in Columbia, S. C., the following men were elected to constitute the Executive Committee: George B. Cromer, Newberry, S. C.; Philip Weltner, Atlanta, Ga.; J. H. Rehder, Wilmington, N. C.; C. M. Efird, Lexington, S. C.; O. B. Mayer, Newberry, S. C.; Kenneth Baker, Greenwood, S. C.; W. P. Houseal, Columbia, S. C.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

Resolved, That this body has heard with satisfaction the report of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and that we do hereby reaffirm our endorsement of the same and heartly commend the loyalty and generosity of those laymen who have financed the movement, and that this body sincerely desires the continuation of this agency during the ensuing biennium.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions reported. Report adopted.

(No. 18.)

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

Six papers have come into the hands of this Committee.

1. One is a letter from St. Paul's church, Wilmington, N. C., inviting the United Synod to hold its next convention with it. We recommend that the invitation be accepted.

2. and 3. Another paper is a series of preambles and resolutions, addressed to this body by the Synod of North Carolina. Number three is a copy of the same resolutions, sent to the President of the United Synod by a committee of the North Carolina Synod.

(1). We recommend that this overture of the North Carolina Synod be read.

(2). We recommend that we record the fact here that the general interest of these resolutions has already been compassed by other action of this body.

(3). With special reference to the first resolution we recommend that in view of the obvious fact that present historical developments do not justify any hope of a union of the general bodies named in the near future, the resolution be not concurred with, although we continue to cherish the hope that some day the union of Lutheran forces in this land will be attained, but since unity exists in the Lutheran Church, since this unity needs to be manifested, and since the unity existing can be manifested by a federation which will take a comprehensive view of all the general work and thus unify the co-operation now existing:

Resolved, That we appoint a commission, and ask the appointment of similar commissions from and by the General Council, the General Synod, and other bodies that may be interested, with this end in view.

(4). With special reference to the second resolution we recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Cooperation with the desire that its laudable purpose be brought to the attention of the intersynodical commission on the celebration of the Reformation in 1917.

4. The fourth paper is the overture from the General Synod, as voiced by Dr. F. P. Manhart before this body, to arrange for another Free Conference of Lutherans in the United States, like those held in 1899, 1902 and 1905, but if possible with wider representation as expressed in the judgment of the Pittsburgh Conference in 1905.

We recommend that a representative be appointed to cooperate with representatives of other Lutheran bodies for this purpose, with the understandnig that other representatives may be associated with them as the appointed representatives may agree upon.

(Rev. A. G. Voigt appointed our Representative.)

5. The fifth paper is a memorial from Georgia Synod, petitioning the United Synod "to alter the blank form for Statistical Re-

ports for congregations, looking to one more suitable for the needs of the congregations."

We recommend that the petition be acceded to, and that a committee of three be appointed to make the proper alterations with power to act, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT,
W. H. ROOF,
H. D. DERRICK,
W. T. STAUFFER,
P. C. PRICE.

Under No. (3), on Federation and Cooperation, the Committee on Fraternal Cooperation was appointed as such commission.—(See list of Committees in Synodical Directory.—*Secretary.*)

Rev. A. G. Voigt was appointed as the Representative to Cooperate with other representatives, as provided for in this report—item 4 on General Conference.

The following committee was appointed to prepare Parochial Blank for use in all our Synods: Revs. V. Y. Boozer, C. A. Freed and E. A. Shenk.

The following was adopted:

(No. 19.)

Whereas the resolutions with reference to the Tennessee Synod adopted by the United Synod at Winston-Salem, found on page 95 of the minutes of 1900, contain a principle regulative of the work of this body; therefore, be it resolved

1. That those resolutions be printed in the minutes of this convention.

2. That those resolutions be included in the standing resolutions appended to the constitution and by-laws of the United Synod.

Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D.D., editor of *Lutheran Church Work,* and Secretary of the Board of Education of the General Synod, was introduced to Synod and made an advisory member.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Home Missions reported.

The report was considered by items, amended and finally adopted as follows:

(No. 20.)

Report of Committee on Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Your Committee has had before it for consideration the Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension covering the last biennium. The Board has held twelve meetings during the biennium. The work of the Board has been characterized by a most commendable zeal and faithfulness. Seventeen missions are under the care of the Board, eight new missions being added during the biennium. Five mission churches were aided by way of loans out of the Church Extension Fund.

Since the last convention of this body the Board has engaged the services of the Rev. R. S. Patterson, D.D., as General Secretary. Dr. Patterson entered upon the duties of his office in May, 1913, and it is largely due to his unabating zeal and irrepressible enthusiasm for this great cause that our Home Mission operations have prospered more in this than in any other preceding biennium. It is a matter of special gratification that under the leadership of the General Secretary a Permanent Loan Fund is being gathered, the objective sum of the same being $50,000. We note with pleasure two liberal gifts to the Loan Fund, an annuity gift of $500 from Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Bernheim of Charlotte, N. C., and a direct gift of $500 from Miss Ada V. Miller, of New Market, Va. The generous interest of these friends is greatly appreciated and their example recommended to men and women of means everywhere.

It is a matter of sincere and general regret that his illness caused the Rev. R. L. Patterson, D.D., to tender his resignation as President of this Board in September of this year. In this position he rendered most efficient service. The Church extends to this brother its sympathy, and prays earnestly for his speedy and sure recovery to his accustomed health and strength.

1. Your committee would recommend that for the ensuing biennium the same amounts be apportioned to the District Synods for Home Missions and Church Extension as were apportioned for the past biennium.

2. We also recommend that the Board be urged to make as liberal and extensive use as possible of tracts and publications, stressing the claims of this great cause upon our people. It also recommends the continuance of the use of the Luther Day services in the Sunday schools in the Reformation season as an efficient instrument for publishing the needs and claims of our Home Mission work.

3. We also recommend that the District Synods, in every possible way, strive earnestly in their respective territories to raise the full apportionment asked for in the coming biennium, without which it will be utterly impossible for the Board to care adequately for the missions it has already engaged to support, much less occupy new territory which seems to already ripe and inviting.

4. In December, 1912, the Board received a communication from Dr. J. C. Kunzman of the General Council Home Mission Board relative to mission work among the negroes of the South. The Board replied that in its judgment, it was not then feasible to begin work among the colored people. Your committee recommends that this correspondence be referred to the Committee on Work among the Negroes.

5. The Board has offered for the approval of this body a set of regulations intended for its organization and government. Your Committee approves these regulations in the main, has marked some changes which in its judgment ought to be made, and recommends their adoption and use by the Board with the changes noted. (Not to be printed in the minutes.)

6. Your Committee recommends that the following persons be elected to constitute the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension: Rev. V. Y. Boozer, Rev. C. K. Bell, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Rev. H. A. McCullough, Rev. John C. Seegers, J. H. Rehder and B. B. Miller.

J. J. SCHERER, JR.,
W. C. SCHAEFFER, JR.,
G. C. HINE,
J. HENRY HARMS.

On motion, the Board of Home Missions was authorized to adopt rules and regulations for the good of the Board and its missionaries.

The nominess for Board of Home Missions were elected.

It was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the United Synod be and is hereby authorized to pay the necessary expenses of the Committee on the Common Book of Worship for the ensuing biennium and that the Committee on Finance be instructed to provide for the same.

The Board of Deaconess and Inner Mission Work reported. The report was adopted as follows:

(No. 21.)

Report of Board of Deaconess and Inner Mission Work.

This Board was created two years ago for a three-fold purpose: (1) To provide a Board in the United Synod which could transact business officially with similar Boards of other Lutheran bodies, (2) To conduct a campaign of education within the United Synod in behalf of this important side of Christian service, and (3) to take charge of any funds which might be given either as simple donations or by bequest for this work. We have had no official business to transact during these two years. Some work of education has been done, and the need for the inner mission work becomes greater. The Board of the Orphan Home at Salem, Va., makes special report to this Synod. The Lowman Home for the Aged and Helpless at White Rock, S. C., and the Francke Home at Charleston, S. C., are the only other institutions of mercy within the bounds of the United Synod. The Francke Home is under the care of the Lutheran congregations of Charleston and is provided for. The Lowman Home is a very important institution and is in great need. It belongs to the South Carolina Synod, but was designed from the beginning to serve in a larger field, as an institution of the United Synod. A special committee has the claims of this institution in its hands and will report to this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER,
JNO. F. FICKEN,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
GEO. B. CROMER,
J. E. COOPER.

The following was adopted:

(No. 22.)

Report of Committee on Common Sunday School Literature.

We report that we have had the work committed to us continuously before us since the last meeting of the United Synod. We have had frequent meetings, have conferred informally and unofficially with members of committees from other bodies, have conducted considerable correspondence and can report encouraging progress. Certain difficulties in other quarters have prevented a

joint meeting of the committee, but we now have assurances that such a meeting can be held in the near future, and that the way will be open then for definite action. The circle of interest in this work has been enlarged and there is good prospect that, in some degree, practically all English speaking Lutherans will cooperate. Several other bodies have appointed committees for this work, and we respectfully recommend that the United Synod appoint a committee on Common Sunday School literature to serve for the next two years.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER,
W. HOPPE,
H. A. McCULLOUGH.

The present Committee on Common Sunday School Literature was reappointed.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Education made its report. Report was received, and considered by items. Pending its consideration Synod adjourned to be reconvened at 3:30 p. m. today.

Prayer by Rev. E. A. Shenk.

SIXTH SESSION.

Friday, November 13, 1914, 3:30 P. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. Geo. H. Cox.

On motion, a bill for $3.50, presented by the Secretary for postage and stationery, was ordered paid.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the Secretary $50.00 for his services; and to pay Rev. Geo. H. Cox $20.00 for his services as Statistical Secretary.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Education was resumed.

The report, and the constitution of the Board, adopted: (See Report No. 9.)

(No. 23.)

Report of Committee on Report of the Board of Education.

The Report of the Board of Education shows intelligent and effective service in connection with the educational interests of the United Synod for the past two years. The report is full and satisfactory. It is divided into three main sections: First, a re-

port of the constitution and organization of the Board of Education: Second, a full account of the Educational Conference held at Lenoir College June 17 and 18, 1914, all of the institutions of the United Synod participating. Third, a report of the relationship of the various institutions within the bounds of the United Synod and District Synods.

We recommend:

First. That this report be published in full in the United Synod Minutes, including the program of the Conference held at Lenoir College.

Second. That the expenses of the Board be paid by the Treasurer of the United Synod, as requested in the Board's report.

Third. That the proposed Constitution submitted by the Board be considered by the United Synod for approval or disapproval, and then that the request of the Board to have copies of its constitution printed be granted.

Fourth. That the recommendation of Board be confirmed, making the last Sunday in May Education Day instead of first Sunday in June.

Fifth. That the Board be commended for the efficient work done during the last two years.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. GREEVER,
L. L. LOHR,
EDW. FULENWIDER.

The following committee was appointed to Nominate Board of Education: Rev. H. A. McCullough, Prof. Geo. F. McAllister and Mr. G. C. Hine.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions reported. The report was adopted as follows:

(No. 24.)

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Foreign Missions.

This report presents not a few items of deep interest to this body. It is clear that the Board has been "diligent in business; fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." It has carefully and prayerfully gone forward in the execution of our Foreign Mission purposes and plans. Its labors have been by no means easy; its responsibilities by no means light; its problems never simple. It has been the administrator of vital interests, the executor of a far-reaching will. When duty has been done with conscientious-

ness, wisdom and love, gratitude prompts expressions of appreciation for those serving on the part of those in whose name and stead they have served. May there be, then, no withholding from this faithful Board the measure of appreciation due it.

The growing force of workers, both foreign and native, in our Japan field is a cause for thanksgiving. Eleven foreign missionaries, one native pastor, seven native evangelists and eight Bible and kindergarten teachers, now constitute this force. This strengthening of the working force takes the mission out of the experimental stage and places it on the vantage ground of permanency, success and power. The multiplication of native workers, filled with the spirit of Christ and dedicated to the noble service of the redemption of their fellow countrymen, calls for heartfelt thanksgivings on the part of the entire Church, and not only so, but should inspire all to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth day by day laborers into the fields white to the harvest.

Whilst we regret the afflictions that came to some of our missionaries, making it necessary for them to return to America for medical treatment and rest, we are thankful to God for the preservation of their lives and their gradual restoration to health and strength, so that they are now able to look forward to an early return to their labors in the spheres of gospel service so dear to their hearts. May our prayers be that they may be spared any recurrence of ill health and be preserved in body, mind and soul to the services of the church in Japan for many years.

The evidences of progress in every department of our mission in Japan are so clear and convincing that the whole Church should awake to praise and renewed zeal in the Master's name.

The commissioning and sending forth of two women missionaries within the biennium is a cause of rejoicing, and the prayer to God should be that others may be willing to go as opportunity may call for their services.

The amount of $52,576.01 received by the Board from all sources for the work during the biennium, though inadequate to the needs, should nevertheless awaken sentiments of joy and hope, and inspire within us a spirit of greater liberality.

The recommendations of the Board numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, are recommended to this body for its approval.

In conclusion we recommend the reelection of the present Board as follows: Rev. Robert C. Holland, D.D., Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D., Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., Rev. J. H. Murphy, Rev. M. J.

Epting, D.D., Messrs. J. M. Lichtenwanger, J. E. Cooper and H. L. Bonham.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. S. BOWERS,
M. O. J. KREPS,
W. HOPPE,
GEO. H. RHODES,
GEO. B. CROMER.

Nominees elected.

By request of the Synod, Rev. Dr. C. K. Lippard, one of our Missionaries to Japan, addresed the Synod.

The nominees for Board of Foreign Missions were elected.

The Committee on Church Literature reported as follows, which was adopted:

(No. 25.)

Report of Committee on Church Literature.

We, your Committee on Church Literature, beg to offer the following:

We are confident that the need of an increasing church literature which is of distinctly Lutheran type and character is coming to be more and more imperative, in order to offset and combat that which is pernicious and destructive to the faith, and which is circulated freely throughout our territory. The style and scope of that literature which is of growing necessity should consist of tract, pamphlet and book written for the perusal and study of the laity, rather than ponderous volumes filled with theological discussions, employing technical and scientific terms. The approaching quadri-centennial anniversary of the Reformation offers a splendid opportunity for an enlarged *Lutherana*, and we as a Lutheran Church should definitely and determinedly lay hold of this opportunity.

It is a notable fact that among the recent books pertaining to Luther, to his work, or to the period of his labors, the most acceptable have come from pens of those outside of the Lutheran Church. Luther grows larger and larger in the realm of religious and philosophical conception as the years roll on. It is an encouraging indication when so many non-Lutherans are seriously, and with scientific precision studying Luther and his works.

We are glad to note the progress of the Board of Publication in its endeavor to establish a book-supply for every pastor and congregation. We commend the Board's recently published cata-

logue to the attention of pastors, superintendents and all others who have occasion to use anything in the book line or church and Sunday School supplies, and thus enable our Board to enlarge its usefulness in service to the Church.

The most notable book that has been published by our Board, (and it also is worthy of note among all Lutheran publications) during the past biennium is "Problems and Possibilities," by Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D. A valuable pamphlet, a "Primer of Lutheranism," by Dr. A. G. Voigt, consisting of questions and answers on the history and doctrines of the Lutheran Church, has been issued. A shaped-note edition of the Sunday school Hymnal has come from our own press. A second edition of Dr. C. Armand Miller's "The Sacramental Feast" has appeared. Dr. A. J. Stirewalt has prepared Kyushu Gakuin, which our Board has sent out in very tasty binding. Dr. Hawkins' Memorial Catechism concludes the list of specific issues by our Board. To many members of this Synod these books need not be mentioned. We would, however, earnestly suggest to all our pastors throughout the whole territory of the United Synod, that they call the attention of their people to these publications, and urge them to procure and read these books.

We welcome the appearance of the *American Lutheran Survey*, "a weekly review of world progress and problems from the positive Christian standpoint," as the sub-title declares,—in reality a weekly survey of things Lutheran and American, with a glance also at Lutheran men and things in Europe and throughout the world. The first issue having been awaited eagerly by a large number of Lutheran leaders in America, made its appearance a few weeks ago, and the general consensus of opinion is that the journal more than meets the expectation of its subscribers.

We do not mention the *Survey* here as one of our publications, although its central offices and publishing plant are located in Columbia, S. C., but because of its relation generally to the Lutheran Church, and of the consequent influence the *Survey* may have in our own work in the United Synod. Those directing the destiny of this new publication are encouraged by the representative character of the subscriptions that have already been received—many coming from various bodies of our Church in this country. This encouragement will enable the managers and editors to concentrate their best efforts in continuing the high standard that has been set in initial numbers.

Whatever may be our local conditions and tasks, whatever may be the peculiar problems of each of our divers bodies of Lutherans in America, we welcome any and every effort that

is undertaken to more fully define and interpret the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and in the world, so that the sons of men in larger, increasing numbers may be brought into the Kingdom of the Lord, built up in an intelligent faith and prepared for most effectual service in the Lord's Church. The *American Lutheran Survey* may, in the providence of God, be regarded as such an agency, and as such should receive whatever support our Lutheran constituency can possibly extend to it.

We are glad to note the continued activity of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in disseminating missionary information and in introducing in our congregations systematic methods of Church beneficence. To this end 250,000 pieces of printed matter have been distributed during the past biennium.

The Literature Committee of the Woman's Missionary Conference has continued its splendid work, with regular issues of its missionary programs and program helps, as heretofore, together with 200,000 pieces of printed matter, consisting of tracts, folders and pamphlets.

We are gratified with the progress that has been made in the endeavor to put the *Lutheran Church Visitor* into every home in the United Synod—*gratified* but not *satisfied.* We ought not to be satisfied until the aim has been realized. To hold the ground gained, and to advance farther within the ranks of the unsupplied, pastors throughout the United Synod are urged to continue their efforts yearly. If the work of placing and keeping the *Lutheran Church Visitor,* the official organ of the United Synod in every home, is to become effective the canvass must be made every year.

Tidings also should be in every home,—and if not in every home, in every Sunday school.

Brethren, as we are loyal and faithful to every cause that is here presented for our consideration, shall we be better enabled to accomplish the labors in which we are engaged.

CHARLES P. MacLAUGHLIN,
J. M. SENTER,
J. H. REHDER,
C. W. CASSELL,
C. H. KONEMANN.

The following was adopted in response to request from the Joint Synod of Ohio:

(No. 26.)

Report of Committee on Request of Joint Synod of Ohio.

ARBITRATION COMMITTEE.

As the United Synod has always stood for the unification of the Lutheran bodies "in one orthodox faith, and mutual co-operation in the more general interests of the Church" we gladly avail ourselves of every opportunity to preserve and promote amicable and fraternal relations between the Lutheran bodies. We, your Committee, recommend in response to the request of the Joint Synod of Ohio the following Committee of Arbitration, three of whom shall constitute a quorum: Rev. J. H. Wannemacher, A. R. Beck, Bachman S. Brown, W. J. Finck, A. D. R. Hancher and B. A. Copenhaver.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FOX,
F. K. ROOF,
T. B. EPTING,
W. F. ABERLY,
A. W. HOFFMAN.

The Committee on the report of the Board of the Theological Seminary made the following report, which was adopted, and the nominees for the Board of Directors were elected:

(No. 27.)

Report of Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The Theological Seminary of the United Synod dates its beginning as far back as the year 1829, and is therefore in its eighty-fifth year of service as a school of the prophets. This service has resulted in untold blessing to the Church in the bounds of our United Synod. We should be happy in this year 1914 to have the pleasure of fostering this heritage from our devoted and self-sacrificing fathers, and to accept the responsibility involved in this sacred trust. The appeal to our fidelity is augmented by the increasing demand upon the Church for the service for which the institution stands.

Its high aim, as presented in its catalogue for 1913-1914, is "to make pastors, always keeping in view the needs of the Lutheran Church, especially in the South. While its aim is altogether practical, it recognizes that an essential qualification for true practical

work is a thorough theological training." "Service rather than Science is its aim."

Your Committee files herewith the very full and satisfactory report of the Board of Directors, referred to us for consideration and proposed action.

This report presents the affairs of the institution so completely that your Committee is relieved from any additional statement by way of further information. This report which we offer for record is commended to the careful examination of all persons interested in the welfare of our Theological Seminary. We present the following recommendations:

1. That the United Synod renew its pledge of loyal support and unfaltering devotion in behalf of our Seminary.

2. That the day of prayer heretofore designated, to wit, the Sunday observed as Reformation Day, be observed by all our churches, for God's continued blessing upon this institution, and that our pastors be urged to lay its superior claims upon the consciences of our membership and to seek in every legitimate way to win young men to seriously consider the high calling of the ministry of the Gospel.

3. That the Board of Directors be urged to devise and execute ways and means to liquidate the remaining indebtedness incurred in the erection of the Seminary building and the Professor's House, and that the United Synod does hereby appeal to those of our people whom God has favored with financial ability, to come forward with prompt response in this behalf.

4. That the apportionment of $2,500 annually, already adopted by this body, be urged upon the attention of our pastors and people with special emphasis, because of the high claims of the cause and the imperative need of that amount to meet the current expenses of the Seminary.

5. That the United Synod does hereby approve and endorse the action of the Board of Directors relative to raising an additional endowment of $50,000, and does authorize said Board to launch a movement to this end at such time as the Board may deem wise.

6. That the action of the Board of Directors in regard to the loss sustained by the failure of the Lexington Savings Bank, and the liability of Treasurer, C. M. Efird in regard thereto, be approved, and that we express our appreciation of the business integrity, and magnanimity, only too rare, of Treasurer Efird indicated in his voluntary personal assumption of $1,400 of the amount on deposit in said bank at the time of its failure, whereby the loss sustained by the Seminary was reduced to $2,014.77.

7. We recommend that the following constitute the members of the Board of Directors for the ensuing biennium:

Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, Rev. W. A. Deaton, Rev. J. H. Wilson, Rev. C. A. Freed, Rev. V. Y. Boozer, Rev. R. C. Holland, and Messrs. J. F. Ficken, C. M. Efird, Geo. B. Cromer, J. A. Meetze, J. D. Cappelmann, A. H. Kohn and W. T. Stauffer.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT C. HOLLAND,
M. J. EPTING,
M. M. KINARD,
M. L. BONHAM,
S. J. DERRICK.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to convey the sincere thanks of this Synod to Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., for his faithful, untiring and efficient services in the erection of our Theological Seminary buildings; and the same to Dr. C. L. Kibler.

Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., sent greetings to the United Synod.

Rev. M. M. Kinard, of the North Carolina Synod, offered the following:

Resolved, That this Synod appoint a committee of three to provide a suitable program for the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation, October 31, 1917, and that this United Synod accept the invitation of St. John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, N. C., to hold such celebration with that old historic congregation which will at that time celebrate the 150th anniversary of its organization as a congregation of the mother synod of the United Synod.

Pending the consideration of this resolution Synod adjourned, to meet at 8 p. m. in Ebenezer Church.

Prayer by Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe.

SEVENTH SESSION

Friday, November 13, 1914, 8 P. M.

Synod reassembled and opened with prayer by Rev. L. A. Fox.

Rev. W. W. Daniel, D.D., of the M. E. Church was introduced to the Synod.

The pending resolution was taken up and, on motion, was referred to the Joint Committee on Celebration, with an expression of the desire of this body to accept the cordial invitation from St. John's Church, Salisbury, N. C., in the event that this general

committee shall determine upon a celebration for the United Synod.

The Committee on the Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home presented its report, the same was adopted, and the nominees for the Board of Corporation were elected.

(No. 28.)

Report of Committee on Report of Corporation of the Orphan Home.

The Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home presents a comprehensive view of the progress of this work so dear to the heart of the Church. The accommodations of the Home are being taxed to the utmost. Applicants are pressing for admission. There seems to be pressing necessity that the Church shall provide ampler accommodations.

Your Committee notes with pleasure that the Trustees are forming plans to increase the dormitory space of the Home by the erection of a building for boys.

The Home feels the loss of Dr. Fox from the presidency of the Corporation by his resignation. He has been a wise counselor, an able administrator and a devoted friend of the Orphan Home work.

The death of Col. A. M. Bowman and Ambrose L. Henkel, interested and useful members of the Corporation of the Orphan Home for many years, is recorded with regret, but with appreciation of their service of this cause of the Church.

It is recommended:

1. That the report of the Corporation be printed in the minutes of this body;

2. That the Corporation of the Orphan Home be advised to have a thorough investigation made, with expert counsel, of the real estate of the Home with a view to forming a well advised group plan, with a wise location before the first new building shall be erected;

3. That the United Synod authorize the Corporation of the Orphan Home to raise within our territory twenty thousand ($20,000) dollars, if necessary, to pay off its indebtedness, and to erect a dormitory for boys, as soon as financial conditions are such as to render it advisable to begin the movement;

4. That the United Synod approve of the plan of providing at the Home means of vocational training for those not fitted for a collegiate education, and commend the plan of the Board of Trustees to use the present resources to that end;

5. That the United Synod advise the authorities to make full inquiry into the subject of the proper kinds of vocational training it may be advisable to adopt and equip the Home to give, but that the raising of funds for this object, if undertaken before the next meeting of the United Synod, be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Your Committee recommends that Geo. W. Tomkins be elected to fill the vacancy in the class of 1916, Rev. J. L. Sieber for the vacancy in the class of 1917, and Rev. C. K. Hunton for the vacancy in the class of 1918. We also nominate for the class of 1920, H. S. Trout, R. W. Kime, H. F. Scheele, J. H. Wilson and George S. Bowers; and for the class of 1921, G. W. Tomkins, C. Markley, J. E. Cooper, J. W. Eberly and R. C. Holland.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
CHARLES P. MACLAUGHLIN,
P. E. MONROE,
W. K. SHEALY.

(No. 29.)

Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home.

During the biennium two meetings of the Corporation and two of the Board of Trustees have been held. The affairs of the Home received careful consideration at their hands. A resume of their proceeding is herewith submitted.

The nominees of the Synod for membership in the Corporation were elected. From those so elected vacancies in the Board of Trustees were filled. At the last annual meeting, Paul Sieg was elected Vice-President of the Corporation, in the place of A. M. Bowman, deceased.

The annual reports of the Superintendent brought out the following facts. That the management of the Home consists of the Superintendent and seven lady assistants; that at the annual meeting in 1913 there were in the Home, 48 boys and 62 girls from the following States: Virginia 72, North Carolina 18, South Carolina 6, West Virginia 8, Georgia 3, and Tennessee 2; and at the annual meeting in 1914, 44 boys and 63 girls from the following States: Virgina 60, North Carolina 24, South Carolina 8, Georgia 3, West Virginia 12; that the cost of maintenance in 1912-'13 was $7.05 per month per child; in 1913-'14, $7.24 per child; that the entire indebtedness of the Home is now $2,000, which is being carried at five per cent.; that the resources of the Home are an endowment

fund of $10,000, cotton mill stock the par value of which is $800, one share of bank stock $100, an interest bearing note of $800, the John C. Seegers bequest bearing five per cent. interest, the Sheets bequest of $5,000, upon which an annuity of $241 must be paid to Mrs. Sheets during her life time, the Winesett bequest of $1,000. Now in litigation, a building fund, started by nine little girls of the Home amounting to $400; that the Home now owns nearly twenty-five acres of land besides the building it now occupies and the old dwelling it formerly occupied; and, finally, that more dormitory space and more land are imperatively needed as well as some one to act as foreman for the boys in their farming and gardening operations.

The Trustees, with a view to securing more dormitory space, appointed a committee consisting of H. D. Derrick, C. B. Strickler and R. W. Kime, to devise ways and means for the erection of a boys' building as soon as practicable. With an eye to the acquisition of a body of land better adapted to the needs of the Home, the Executive Committee was authorized to buy, sell or exchange parcels of land for the Home to the end that such a tract might be received. That the boys might have a leader and instructor in farming and gardening, the Superintendent was directed to secure, as soon as the lease of old Home property expired, a Lutheran tenant capable of acting as foreman in the farming and gardening.

These are steps in the right direction because they are forward steps, but should we not go further? Should we be content to hold the record for running our Home at the smallest per capita expense of any similar institution in the country? Should we not the rather endeavor to turn out the best grade of Christian citizen of any Home in the land? To do this, the Home must have a different kind of plant and additional helpers in the work. The present building is not only inadequate but also unsuitable for our work. We would recommend, therefore, that this Synod take such steps as it may consider incumbent upon it to take to secure for the Home a modern plant with facilities for the vocational training of its inmates.

During the past summer part of the building occupied by the Home was found to be in an unsafe condition. This was the result of the use, in the construction of the building, of timbers too weak for the purpose for which they were used. Auxiliary girders, supported by strong iron columns, were put in and the building made absolutely safe. The cost of the repairs amounted to $927.50, of which amount $215.50 is still unprovided for. The buildings of the Home need painting and considerable repairs.

These were authorized to be made but had to be postponed on account of the aforementioned work.

The officers of the Corporation are:————————, President; Paul Sieg, Vice President; R. W. Kime, Secretary; Ivan V. Yonce, Treasurer. These are ex-officio officers of the Board of Trustees and constitute the Executive Committee. This committee has met monthly and audited all accounts and transacted all business pertaining to the management of the institution.

The Superintendent, J. T. Crabtree, has been very efficient in the performance of his duties and has been re-elected annually.

Besides the vacancies caused by the expiration of their terms of office there has been one resignation, L. A. Fox of the class of 1916, and two deaths, A. L. Henkel of the class of 1917 and A. M. Bowman of the class of 1915. These were all very efficient members whose services the institutions could ill afford to lose.

The Corporation is constituted at present as follows:

1915—H. S. Trout, R. W. Kime, H. F. Scheele, J. H. Wilson, Geo. S. Bowers.

1916—A. M. Bowman, C. Markley, J. E. Cooper, J. W. Eberly, R. C. Holland.

1917—Rev. J. L. Siebel, Paul Sieg, J. Frank Clemmer, J. H. Marsteller, I. V. Yonce.

1918—C. K. Hunton, M. M. Kinard, C. B. Strickler, E. A. Shenk, H. D. Derrick.

1919—L. G. M. Miller, A. D. R. Hancher, J. E. Shenk, W. H, Roof, J. P. Gose.

It will be necessary to nominate three men to fill the vacancies in classes 1916, 1917 and 1918 and five men for each of the classes 1920 and 1921.

PAUL SIEG, Vice President.

The Committee on Minutes of the last convention of this Synod reported as follows, which report was adopted:

(No. 30.)

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.

1. Under "Recommendations" on page 73, item 3, the sum of $20,000 annually was apportioned among the different synods for current expenses in the conduct of our mission work in Japan.

What per cent. of this apportionment has been paid? Ans. Seventy-five per cent. paid.

2. Page 89. Report of Committee on the Report of the Board of Home Missions:

(a) Item 1. This recommendation provides for the apportionment of $25,000 annually to the synods for the support of the Home Missions and Church Extension. What part of this apportionment has been paid? Ans. Less than thirty per cent. paid.

(b) Item 4. This recommendation calls for the appointment of a committee to draft a plan for the unification of all the home mission work of the United Synod, which committee was appointed, see page 120. Is this committee prepared to report? Ans. Yes.

(c) Item 8. "That we earnestly request our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies to divide equally, as their early constitutions required, all their moneys for missions, between our Home and Foreign Missionary work; and that with the same earnestness we ask the Lutheran Laymen's Movement to give equal stress and emphasis to the need of missions in the home and foreign fields." Has this request been complied with? Ans. Action not communicated to Woman's Society by oversight. Laymen's Movement has complied with the request.

3. According to item 3, page 92, the sum of $2,500 annually was apportioned to the synods for the support of the Theological Seminary. How much of this apportionment has been paid? Ans. Information not available.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Y. BOOZER,
JAS. D. KINARD,
ENOCH HITE,
J. D. BARRIER,
JACOB UMLAUF.

Under item C. of this report, the Secretary was requested to notify the Ladies' Synodical Societies of the desire of this United Synod for an equal division of all their moneys for missions, as per request on page 90, item 8, minutes of 1912. The request reads as follows:

"That we earnestly request our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies to divide equally, as their early constitutions required, all their moneys for missions, between our Home and

Foreign Missionary work; and that with the same earnestness we ask the Lutheran Laymen's Movement to give equal stress and emphasis to the need of missions in the home and foreign fields."

The Committee on Plan for Unification of our Home Mission Work reported as follows:

(No. 31.)

Plan for the Unification of Home Mission Work.

1. The Home Mission Board, with the several District Synods consenting and cooperating, shall have control of all Home Mission work on the territory of the United Synod. This action is not binding upon any District Synod until it has been approved and ratified in regular session by such Synod.

2. The District Synod consenting shall have, each for itself, a Board constituted in such manner as each shall determine, which Board shall be an Auxiliary Board of the General Board. This District Synodical Board shall be the means of administration of the Home Mission work within its boundary.

The chairman of the District Synodical Board shall be an Advisory Member of the General Board. No mission shall be begun or discontinued within the territory of a Synod without the consent of its Board. No missionary may be called or dismissed without the approval of the Synodical Board.

3. The general rules and principles governing the General Board are those which now hold, or such as may be hereafter adopted by the United Synod.

4. The transfer of missions now supported by the several Synods shall be made under such terms and such conditions as may be agreed upon by the General Board and the Synod making the transfer.

L. A. FOX,
C. K. HUNTON,
C. K. BELL,
B. B. MILLER,
E. L. GREEVER.

This report was referred to the District Synods for action and report at next meeting of this Synod.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Publication reported as follows, which was adopted:

(No. 32.)

Report of Committee on the Report of the Publication Board.

Your Committee on the report of the Board of Publication has gone over the report with as much care as the time permitted. The financial statement in the report is a faithful summary of all the important facts in the statement made by the expert accountant, and we think that the accountant's statement should be filed with the Secretary of the United Synod without publication in the minutes of this Convention. We are very much gratified by the exhibits. The net assets of nearly $60,000 and total earnings of more than $12,000 are sufficient evidence of the wisdom and fidelity of the Board in the administration of the interest of the institutions, making it necessary and impertinent to inquire into the items of administration. A careful study of the report confirms the impression of a glance over the summary that the financial condition of the publication cause is healthy and safe. While the loss in the department of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* was largely compensated by the gains in the other departments, and was greatly reduced during the last year, we are sorry that there was any loss at all. We are sure that with a little more earnest effort on the part of pastors and people, that the evil can be removed.

We recommend:

1. That special attention be called to the financial stress of the Board because of the difficulty of collections in a part of the territory, and that patrons be urged to make prompt payment of all accounts, the emergency arising from the money stringency in cotton planting districts.

2. That the pastors, upon whom the circulation of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings* primarily depends, be urged to renew the every member canvass, so that the high water mark of 6,700, not only be maintained, but be exceeded.

3. That the general management, including the loan of $9,000, be approved.

4. That the report of the Board be published in the minutes.

5. That we hereby record our sincere appreciation of the untiring efforts and marked success of Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., in conducting the editorial management of the *Visitor*, and in building up the publication interests to their present degree of prosperity. Together with Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., he took charge of the *Visitor* in a condition verging upon extinction. They

planned a union of the *Lutheran Visitor* and *Our Church Paper*, through the United Synod, and brought into existence the *Lutheran Church Visitor*. The publication cause was launched upon a small scale, a great many difficulties were overcome and huge obstacles were surmounted. As a result of his zeal, courage and effort, we have our excellent property on Sumter street, our prosperous business, and our promising outlook. In taking leave of him in this work, we owe it to ourselves, as well as to him, to make this record and wish him eminent success in that larger field upon which he has entered.

6. The incumbency of Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D., though of only a few months, has already given proof of his superior ability. Having been pastor for a number of years in Charleston and closely identified with our work, he brings with him an individual acquaintance of our spirit and needs, giving special qualifications for his new field of service. We cordially welcome him and pledge him our loyal support.

7. We nominate the following members of our Board: G. B. Cromer, P. C. Price, A. H. Kohn, W. P. Cline, D. F. Efird, J. V. Sutton, S. J. Derrick and Rev. J. L. Cromer.

L. A. FOX,
E. A. SHENK,
J. E. COOPER,
A. P. SNIDER,
J. L. CROMER.

The nominees for Board of Publication were elected.

The Committee on Teacher Training reported. Report adopted.

(No. 33.)

Report of Committee on Teachers' Training Book.

We, your Committee appointed to prepare a Teacher Training Book for our Sunday school workers, beg to report that some work was done in preparation for such a book, but later decided that in the judgment of the Committee, there is sufficient material now offered by the various boards of the general principles of teacher training, and that the preparation of a specific teacher training book be postponed until the question of Sunday school literature in the United Synod is settled.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. CRONK,
H. A. McCULLOUGH,
JOHN HALL,
J. HENRY HARMS.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

(No. 34.)

Report of Committee on Finance.

We recommend:

1. That the per capita assessment for the expenses of the United Synod be one cent instead of half a cent and that this item take the place of the action taken in the report of Finance and Apportionment.

2. That as the work usually considered in the province of this Committee has been assumed by that on Finance and Apportionment, this Committee be hereby stricken from the list.

C. A. FREED,
G. F. McALLISTER,
K. Y. UMBERGER,
J. LUTHER FRANTZ,
J. D. MAUNEY.

The Committee to nominate Board of Directors of Lowman Home reported. Report adopted. Board elected.

(No. 35.)

Committee to Nominate Board of Directors for the Lowman Home.

Your Committee to Nominate the Board of Directors for the Lowman Home beg to nominate the following named persons: Revs. W. H. Greever, D.D., Enoch Hite, C. W. Cassell, M. J. Epting, D.D., and Messrs. P. C. Price, Kenneth Baker, P. H. Haltiwanger, John A. Cline, Dr. A. B. Greiner.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. J. KREPS,
JNO. F. FICKEN,
JNO. A. CLINE.

Resolved, That in the unavoidable absence of Rev. J. H. Murphy from the meetings of the Board of Foreign Misisons, Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., be appointed, hereby to act as the proxy of Rev. J. H. Murphy in the meetings of the Board.

The Committee to nominate fraternal delegates to other bodies reported. Report adopted, and nominees elected.

(No. 36.)

Report of Committee to Nominate Fraternal Delegates.

Your Committee to nominate Fraternal Delegates to other general bodies suggests the following:

To the General Synod—Rev. J. H. Harms, principal; Rev. M. M. Kinard, alternate.

To the General Council—Rev. R. L. Fritz, principal, Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
EDW. FULENWIDER,
O. W. ADERHOLDT,
T. W. SHEALY.

The Committee on District Synods reported as follows, which was adopted.

(No. 37.)

Report of Committee on District Synods.

Your Committee has the following to report, chiefly suggested by Minutes of the several Synods of the United Synod:

1. The ministers as a whole have been doing faithful and effective work along the lines of their holy calling, and the various congregations have in the main labored on their part to consistently follow the leadership of pastors.

In some instances short terms of pastoral services, and vacancies of frequent occurrence, and occasionally for long periods, have been of considerable disadvantage. Whether this is a result of pure restlessness, of inadequate salaries, or of any other causes, it seems that it would be well for all Synods to anxiously endeavor to correct this lamentable defect in the administration of church interests.

2. In all directions our Synods are engaged in expanding activities. Surely this is a most healthy symptom. Our Lutheran Church has great obligations not merely to care for its present constituency but also vigorously to press forward and outward to evangelize and save the people who live among and around our various congregations as well as develop energetically the home and foreign mission fields where she is seeking to do her part in the service of God and of humankind.

3. In Christian giving there has been advance, but evidently fuller consecration of means is a crying need in case of a great part of our general church membership. We suggest redoubled efforts to overcome this lack on the part of those who are thus derelict.

4. Educational and other interests are doing reasonably well. By all favorable advances we should be stimulated. By no reverses should we be discouraged. "Our labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. BROWN,
E. A. REPASS,
P. E. MONROE,
J. M. GNANN.

Committee on Common Book of Worship reported. Report adopted.

(No. 38.)

Report of Committee on Common Book of Worship.

Your Committee on Common Book of Worship would report as follows:

The Committee has held three meetings. The chief and only important item of business transacted was the agreement entered into with the Board of Publication relative to royalty on the Book of Worship. A copy of the agreement is herewith submitted.

Agreement on Royalty for Book of Worship.

"The United Synod referred the fixing of the royalty on the Book of Worship to the Board of Publication and the Common Book Committee with power to act (Minutes, 1912, page 119).

"In the absence of any agreement in regard to the amount of royalty to be paid, the Board of Publication paid into the treasury of the United Synod the sum of three hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-five cents ($383.35), being the cost of printing the minutes of the convention of the United Synod at Richmond in 1910.

'The Board of Publication also offers to pay into the treasury of the United Synod the sum of four hundred and ninety-one dollars and twenty-seven cents ($491.27) being the cost of printing the minutes of the convention at Atlanta in 1912, as royalty on all books sold since the Richmond convention of the United Synod and that shall be sold until March 31, 1914,

"The Committee on the Common Book of Worship agrees to accept these payments as settlement in full for all demands of royalty until March 31, 1914.

"The Board of Publication and the Committee on Common Book of Worship agree that after April 1, 1914 the Board of Publication shall pay into the treasury of the United Synod a royalty on all sales of Books of Worship of three (3) per cent of the selling price of all styles of the Book.

"Signed:

"A. G. VOIGT,

"For the Committee on Common Book.

"W. H. GREEVER,

"For the Board of Publication.

"Columbia, S. C., November 1, 1913."

THE COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP.

With reference to the Common Book of Worship your Committee have to report that the work is still not completed. Very material and gratifying progress has been made, however, in that complete agreement has been reached in regard to differences in the Common Service; the hymnal has received further revision, emendation, and enrichment; and tunes for the hymns have been chosen by the Sub-Committee on Music. As soon as this Committee is ready to report settings for the liturgical services the completion of the manuscript for the press should not be long delayed.

The expenses of the Committee in connection with this work during the biennium have been $132.08, all of which has been paid. Through the generosity of the General Council and General Synod in consideration of the greater expense of your Committee in attending meetings certain charges for printing, etc., have been borne by those bodies.

Recommendations:

1. We submit to this body our agreement with the Board of Publication with reference to royalty on the Book of Worship for consideration and action.

2. We recommend that work on the Common Book in cooperation with the other bodies be continued.

3. That this body record its indebtedness to the General Synod and the General Council for their payment of expenses thus far incurred for printing, etc., in connection with the work on the Common Book, and that we do hereby acknowledge this generosity with thanks.

4. That, in view of the probable completion of the labors of the Joint Committee before the next meeting of the United Synod and the consequent need of money to pay for the printing of a proof copy of the complete book, the Synod provide for this contingency and authorize the payment of our proportionate part of such expense, as may be agreed upon by the Joint Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. SCHERER,
A. G. VOIGT,
L. A. FOX,
E. C. CRONK.

The Secretary was authorized to have the United Synod minutes from 1863 to 1912, donated by him to this Synod, substantially bound, and placed in the Library of our Theological Seminary, at Synod's expense—Treasurer to pay for same.

The Synod passed a vote of thanks to the Secretary for this valuable gift.

The Common Book Committee was continued as follows: Revs. M. G. G. Scherer, A. G. Voigt, L. A. Fox and E. C. Cronk.

The Committee on Christian Unity reported. Report adopted.

(No. 39.)

Report of Committee on Christian Unity.

The special occasion for the consideration of Christian Unity at this time is a courteous invitation from the Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church to the United Synod to cooperate in promoting and arranging for a conference on Faith and Order by appointing a commission to act jointly with commissions from the Church named and from other communions.

In regard to this invitation we recommend that, inasmuch as the action of the United Synod, taken two years ago at Atlanta (see Minutes, 1912, page 105) still expresses the attitude of this body towards the subject of Christian unity in general and this invitation in particular, we reiterate that action, viz:

We have on file a courteous letter from a commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, with regard to a World Conference to be held in 1913, for the "Consideration of Questions Touching Faith and Order," asking us to unite with them in arranging for and conducting such conference. We cannot but rejoice in the spirit which prompts this movement toward a truer unity among Christians "confessing our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour," and trust that we, as a Lutheran body are sincerely in accord with the prayer of our

Saviour, "That they all may be one," and are willing to lay aside all self-will, and be bound by the Word of God only; nevertheless we deem it best to defer official action in the premises, not in the spirit, however, of separatism, but in brotherly love and good will to all who confess Jesus Christ as God and Saviour.

But while we cannot see our way clear to official participation in the Conference on Faith and order referred to, we think it is timely to give practical expression of our profound and abiding interest in the unity of the church and whatever tends to promote it.

Therefore, we recommend that a standing committee on Church Unity be appointed, whose duty it shall be to gather information in regard to the progress of Christian Unity in the world through the World Conference on Faith and Order or any other movement with this high end in view, especially movements within the Lutheran Church in this country. This committee may, according to its discretion, attend conferences on Christian Unity to study and to learn, and, when suitable occasion arises, to bear witness of the faith we hold, and also when specially instructed by the United Synod or the Executive Committee, to act in a representative capacity.

The committee shall from time to time report to the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. VOIGT,
L. A. FOX,
L. L. LOHR.

The Standing Committee on Church Unity, provided for in this report, was constituted as follows: Revs. A. G. Voigt, J. A. Morehead, and J. C. Seegers.

The Committee to nominate Board of Education reported. Report adopted, and nominees elected.

(No. 40.)

Report of Committee to Nominate a Board of Education.

We submit the names of the following persons to constitute the Board of Education for the ensuing biennium: Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, Dr. E. W. Peery, Revs. J. H. Wannemacher, C. P. MacLaughlin, C. F. W. Hoppe, D.D., J. W. Horine, D.D., Mr. J. H. Rehder.

H. A. McCULLOUGH,
G. F. McALLISTER,
G. C. HINE.

The following on Church Architecture and furnishings was adopted :

Church Architecture.

Whereas, It is evident that sufficient attention has not been given in many sections of our Church to the devotional and practical value and the significance of pure church architecture and church furnishings and equipment.

Resolved, That by appointment of our President, this Synod create a standing committee to be known as the Committee on Church Art and Architecture, whose duties in addition to those indicated by its name, shall be to offer suggestions and if feasible to provide plans for churches, parsonages and church institutional buildings, and to seek to develop good taste and sound judgment of our people in such matters.

Committee: Revs. C. K. Hunton, J. G. Gongaware, and J. C. Seegers.

The Secretary was authorized to have 4,000 copies of the proceedings of this Synod printed for free distribution; and the Treasurer is authorized to pay for the same. Also to pay to the sextons of St. Paul's and Ebenezer Churches each $5 for services rendered during this Convention of Synod.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the United Synod express its grateful appreciation of the generous hospitality of the pastors and people of Ebenezer, St. Paul's and other Lutheran Churches, of the courtesy of the city press, the many kindnesses of the Manager of the Board of Publication and of others who have contributed to the comfort and pleasure of this body during its stay in Columbia, S. C.

Next Convention.

The *Time,* as to the month and day, of next convention of this body, to be convened in St. Paul's church, Wilmington, N. C., in 1916, was, on motion, left with the Executive Committee and the Pastor loci.

The minutes of the sessions of today were read and confirmed, the minutes of previous sessions having been already approved.

The Synod adjourned, and was closed by the President, using the form provided in our Book of Worship.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and faithful record of the proceedings of the Fourteenth Convention of the

United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South—to the best of my knowledge and belief—held in St. Paul's and Ebenezer Lutheran churches, Columbia, S. C., November 10-13, 1914.

S. T. HALLMAN, Secretary.

Spratanburg, S. C.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Paul's Church.—Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D.D., York, Pa., 11:15 a. m.; at 4 p. m., addresses by Revs. J. A. Morehead, D.D., Salem, Va., and W. H. Greever, D.D., Columbia, S. C. Following these addresses, the new church was dedicated, the following ministers taking part: Revs. A. G. Voigt, D.D., J. W. Horine, D.D., C. A. Freed, D.D., M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., L. G. M. Miller, D.D., H. A. McCullough, pastor, and S. T. Hallman, D.D.

Ebenezer Church.—At 11:15 a. m., Rev. L. A. Fox, D.D., Salem, Va., and at 8 p. m., Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D.D., Winchester, Va.

St. Luke's.—At 11:15 a. m., Rev. T. B. Epting, Jackson, Miss.

LIST OF VISITING MINISTERS.

Rev. Jacob Austin, Leesville, S. C.
Rev. R. Homer Anderson, Pomaria, S. C.
Rev. S. C. Ballentine, Leesville, S. C.
Rev. A. W. Ballentine, Lingle, Miss.
Rev. H. E. Beatty, Orangeburg, S. C.
Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh, Prosperity, S. C.
Rev. A. R. Beck, Dallas, N. C.
Rev. Chas. K. Bell, Kings Mountain, N. C.
Rev. P. M. Bikle, D.D., Gettysburg, Pa.
Rev. L. P. Boland, Lone Star, S. C.
Rev. F. B. Clausen, Wilmington, N. C.
Rev. W. P. Cline, D.D., White Rock, S. C.
Rev. J. I. Coiner, Pulaski, Va.
Rev. W. A. Craun, Portsmouth, Va.
Rev. B. W. Cronk, Prosperity, S. C.
Rev. E. C. Cronk, D.D., Columbia, S. C.
Rev. P. H. E. Derrick, Blythewood, S. C.
Rev. J. C. Dietz, Gastonia, N. C.
Rev. J. K. Efird, Gilbert, S. C.
Rev. R. L. Fritz, D.D., Charleston, S. C.
Rev. J. G. Gongaware, Charleston, S. C.
Rev. D. B. Groseclose, Fairfax, S. C.
Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D., Allentown, Pa.
Rev. J. B. Harman, Senoia, Ga.
Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D., Columbia, S. C.
Rev. M. D. Huddle, Irmo, S. C.
Rev. Wm. L. Hunton, Ph.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Rufus E. Kern, Marion, Va.
Rev. M. L. Kester, Johnston, S. C.
Rev. E. H. Kohn, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Rev. E. L. Lybrand, Brookland, S. C.
Rev. Prof. F. P. Manhart, D.D., Selinsgrove, Pa.
Rev. G. W. McClanahan, Wilmington, N. C.
Rev. C. L. Miller, Greenville, S. C.
Rev. H. N. Miller, Ph.D., Marion, Va.
Rev. Prof. J. P. Miller, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. G. H. C. Park, Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. R. S. Patterson, D.D., Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. B. E. Petrea, Wytheville, Va.
Rev. C. R. Pless, Concord, N. C.
Rev. V. C. Ridenhour, Albemarle, N. C.
Rev. W. H. Riser, China Grove, N. C.
Rev. Y. von A. Riser, Pomaria, S. C.
Rev. P. D. Risinger, Lexington, S. C.
Rev. W. J. Roof, Newberry, S. C.
Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., Columbia, S. C.
Rev. J. A. Sligh, D.D., Columbia, S. C.
Rev. D. A. Sox, Carrollton, Ga.
Rev. B. L. Stroup, Newton, N. C.
Rev. L. A. Thomas, Lexington, S. C.
Rev. Jno. H. Wannemacher, Hickory, N. C.
Rev. J. H. Wilson, D.D., Sumter, S. C.

Standing Resolutions.

June 26, 1886, to November 14, 1914.

1. 1886, p. 54. *Delegates' Expenses*: That the District Synods are hereby requested to pay the necessary expenses of their respective delegates to this and succeeding conventions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

2. 1900, p. 101. *Theological Seminary Board Vacancies, How Filled*: That in the event of any vacancy in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary by death, resignation, removal from the territory of this Synod, or otherwise, such vacancy may be filled by the Board; and that the said Board shall be elected at every regular meeting of this body.

3. 1902, p. 76. *Accepts Charter of Board of Missions—Election of Board*: That this body accepts the charter granted by the Legislature of South Carolina to our Board of Missions and Church Extension; and that the members of said Board shall be elected by this body at each of its regular conventions, and should this United Synod fail at any such conventions to elect members of said Board, then the members last elected shall hold over and be empowered to act until their successors shall be elected by the United Synod.

Vacancies in, How Filled: 1904, p. 117: That if a vacancy occurs in the Board of Missions during the interim between meetings of the United Synod, the vacancy shall be filled by the President of the United Synod.

Several Funds of Board of Missions, (1906): That the Board of Missions and Church Extension be directed to maintain three funds, viz.: Foreign Mission Fund, Home Mission Fund, and Church Extension Fund, and that these funds be increased by said Board in harmony with the other actions of this body, and in response to the demands of the work. (Note—Modified by the creation of two Boards).

4. 1904, p. 90. *Revenue of Synod—How Raised*: That to provide funds for the necessary expenses of this body an annual assessment of one-half cent per capita be laid upon the District Synods, beginning with this convention, and that such District Synod is requested to forward to the Treasurer of this body its first annual assessment at or within three months after its annual convention.

5. 1904, p. 118. *Offerings—How Appropriated*: That offerings hereafter made at the sessions of this Synod be appropriated as follows: On the occasions of the presentations of the several

causes or synod the offerings shall be devoted, unless otherwise ordered, to cause, or causes, presented.

6. 1906, p. 94. *Prayer for Theological Seminary*: That this Board recommend that the United Synod shall designate the Sunday which will be observed as Reformation Day as a day of special prayer in behalf of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

7. 1906, p. 96. *Official Visitors—Expenses to be Paid*: That this Board recommend that the United Synod pay the expenses of its official visitors to the General Council and General Synod. That the President of this body be empowered to certify official visitors to the General Council and General Synod, whenever the principal and alternate are unable to attend.

8. 1906, p. 45. *Bible Distribution*: We recommend that, as tangible evidence of our interest, a collection be taken annually in our churches for the work.

9. 1904, p. 124. *Divorce*: The attitude of the Church of Christ in regard to the sacredness of the marriage bond and its indissoluble character should be made clear and unmistakable. In view of the revival of the agitation of this subject in this country, it is proper that the United Synod should give utterance to what it believes is the teaching of the Scriptures, and that in terms unequivocal.

In the purview of the State marriage is a civil contract and nothing more. Decrees of divorce affect such contract only in its civil aspect. Therefore an annulment by the State of the bonds of marriage can have no binding effect upon the conscience of the Church of Christ, which resting upon the Holy Scriptures, recognizes in marriage an institution ordained of God and hedged about with divine sanctions and limitations.

While the Church can not but look with disfavor upon the facility with which the bonds of marriage are dissolved under the laws of the State, because of its natural effect in begetting a perverted view of the character of the marital bond, yet it is not in our province to dictate to the State how it shall deal with this subject viewed as simply a contract between citizens of the commonwealth. It is our duty, however, as churchmen to consider marriage as more than a civil contract and to so act as to emphasize its divine and Scriptural character.

The special function of the Church therefore is to inculcate by faithful teachings, proper sentiments as to the sacredness of the marriage relation as of divine sanction, and through its ministry to testify to the indissolubleness of the marital bond by declining to officiate at remarriage of divorced parties while both are living.

Viewed in the light of Scripture, marriage is an engagement as long as both parties do live, and the vow prescribed in the ritual so affirms. While for one specified cause and perhaps also for willful desertion, there may be a proper dissolution of that bond and of all obligations growing out of such marriages, (there is no Scriptural warrant for either party to remarry, while the other is living; therefore no minister of the Church of Christ should officiate at the remarriage of divorced parties, unless he is assured that the marriage bond has been dissolved by God Himself—that is, by the death of one of the parties.) The clause in parenthesis is qualified by the action of 1908.—Sec'y.

1908, pp. 45, 46. *Divorce—Qualification*: At the ninth convention of this body a series of propositions on Divorce and Remarriage was submitted for consideration at the following convention (Min. IX. Conv., p. 124). At the last convention these propositions were simply ordered to be reprinted (Min. X. Conv., p. 72).

The United Synod now expresses its judgment in regard to these propositions as follows:

They contain a timely and forceful statement of the sanctity of marriage and the evils of divorce, now unhappily so widely prevalent. But they require qualification so as to recognize the right of the innocent party to remarry.

The dissolution of the marriage bond for reasons explicitly recognized by our Lord and in Scripture must be regarded as sanctioned by God Himself, and the innocent party "is not under bondage in such cases" (I. Cor. 7:15). There is nothing in Scripture to forbid such marriages of the innocent party, for the passages, Matt. 5:32; 19-9; Mk. 10:11, 12; Lu. 16:18, imply that there was no true dissolution of marriage. Accordingly the Smalkald Articles (Jacob's translation, p. 35) declare: "Unjust also is the tradition which forbids an innocent person to marry after divorce."

10. p. 7, 1912. *Titles*: Hereafter all titles of ministers shall be omitted from the body of our Minutes, except on the Roll of Synod and in recording names of officers elected.

11. 1910, pp. 82, 89, 102. *Periods of Offerings*: That October be adopted as Home Mission month in all our churches.

The Reformation season be adopted as Home Mission period in all our Sunday schools.

That the Epiphany season be recognized as Foreign Mission Festival in all our congregations; and that "April Japan Day" be designated as the season for special offerings for the Japan Mission in all our Sunday schools.

That all the Sunday schools of the United Synod be urged to set apart at least one Sunday during the year, to be known as Orphan Home Sunday, and that offerings be taken for the support of the Home; when suitable, such offerings to be taken during the summer months.

12. 1910, p. 101. *Mission Reports—When Made*: That the Boards of Home Missions, of Foreign Missions and of Publication shall submit their reports in printed form at the first session of each convention of the United Synod; and that these reports be referred to appropriate committees at once, and that these be presented in connection with the reports of these committees.

13. 1914. The following resolutions, adopted in 1900, p. 95, were ordered inserted among Standing Resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we recognize with sincerest pleasure the attendance at this Convention of so large a delegation from among our brethren of the Tennessee Synod.

Resolved, 2. That their delegation be fraternally requested to use such efforts as may seem best to them, and as they concientiously can, to secure, on the part of their entire body, clerical and lay, harmonious co-operation in carrying forward all the general interests of the United Synod.

Resolved, 3. That in view of the position heretofore occupied by the Tennessee Synod with regard to full and active co-operatian with this body, this United Synod does now assure the Tennessee Synod that it is most sincerely desirous, in the prosecution of our common work, that nothing may be done calculated to burden the consciences of the brethren of any of our Synods. All our Synods are founded on the Word of God, and the Confessions of the Church in accordance with it, and all are equally bound to frame their practice and fulfill their duty in accordance with a candid and conscientious conviction of the true and proper sense of that Word, and our Confessions on it founded.

Charter of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

State of South Carolina—Executive Department.
By the Secretary of State.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

Whereas, R. A. Yoder, Lincolnton, N. C., and W. H. Riser, Norfolk, Va., two or more of the officers or agents appointed to supervise or manage the affairs of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod, which has been duly and regularly organized, did on the 12th day of March, A D. 1909, file with the Secretary of State a written declaration setting forth:

That a meeting of the aforesaid organization held, pursuant to the by-laws or regulations of the said corporation, they were authorized and directed to apply for incorporation.

That the said organization holds, or desires to hold, property in common for religious, educational, social, fraternal, charitable or other eleemosynary purpose, or any two or more of said purposes, and is not organized for the purpose of profit or gain to the members, otherwise than is above stated, or for the insurance of life, health, accident or property; and that three days' notice in *The State,* a newspaper published in the County of Richland, has been given that the aforesaid declaration would be filed.

And whereas, That said Declaration and Petition further declared and affirmed:

First. Their names and residences are as above given.

Second. The name of the proposed corporation is the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod.

Third. The place at which it proposes to have its headquarters or be located is Columbia, S. C.

Fourth. The purpose of the said proposed corporation is to conduct and manage the work of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, as shall from time to time be authorized and directed by the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South; the members of the said corporation to be elected by the said United Synod as its rules shall require. And with the power to acquire, hold, manage, convey and mortgage property, real and personal, as authorized by law.

Fifth. The names and residences of all Managers, Trustees, Directors or other officers are as follows: Rev. R. A. Yoder, D.D., president; Rev. W. H. Riser, secretary; John M. Rhodes, treasurer.

Sixth. That they desired to be incorporated in perpetuity.

Now, therefore, I, R. M. McCown, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested, by Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby declare the said organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the limitations and liabilities conferred by said Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto.

GIVEN UNDER My Hand and the Seal of the State, at Columbia, this 12th day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand and nine hundred and nine and in the one hundred and thirty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

(Seal)

R. M. McCOWN,
Secretary of State.

Recorded in office of Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, for Richland County, S. C., this 17th day of March, 1909, in Corporation Book at page 295 and certified to by

J. F. WALKER, C. C. C. P. and G. S.

Charter of the United Synod.

(*Statutes at Large of South Carolina, Vol. XX, page* 784.)

No. 512. AN ACT to incorporate the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same: That all those persons who now or may hereafter become members of the "United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South" be, and the same are hereby, declared a body politic and corporate by the name and style of "The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South."

Sec. 2. That the said society shall be able and capable in law and equity to have, hold, and receive, enjoy, possess, and retain, all such property, real and personal, as they may now be possessed of of in any wise entitled to, or which shall have been or shall hereafter be given, bequeathed, or in any way acquired, and to sell, alien, or otherwise part with the same or any part thereof, as they shall deem proper or expedient.

Sec. 3. That the said society shall by its proper name have succession of officers and members, to be chosen according to the rules and by-laws made or to be made for its government and direction; and shall have power and authority to make rules, regulations, and by-laws not repugnant to the laws of the land, and to have, keep, and use a common seal, and the same to change and alter at will: to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law; and to have and enjoy all the rights and privileges incident or belonging to incorporated bodies.

Approved December 24, A. D. 1890.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

FIFTH CONVENTION

of the

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

of the

UNITED SYNOD

of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South

Held in Columbia, S. C., November 7-10, 1914

FIRST SESSION.

Sunday School Room of Ebenezer Church,
Columbia, S. C., November 7, 1914.

The Woman's Conference of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South met in the Sunday School room of Ebenezer Church, November 7, 1914.

At 3 p. m. a Bible Study, entitled, "A Character Study of Abraham," was led by Mrs. Herbert C. Bell, of the White Bible School, New York. Following this a Mission Study class in "The Child in the Midst" was conducted by Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

At 4 p. m. the Conference was formally opened by the President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

The following officers and secretaries were present:

President—Mrs. W. F. Morehead.
First Vice President—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.
Sixth Vice President—Mrs. I. D. Worman.
Seventh Vice President—Mrs. W. J. Boger.
Recording Secretary—Miss Constance Cline.
Corresponding and Statistical Secretary—Mrs. J. G. Bringman.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. H. Harms.
Editor and Secretary of Literature—Mrs. E. C. Cronk.
Secretary of Young People's Work—Miss Constance Cline.
Secretary of Children's Work—Mrs. J. H. Harms.
Life Membership Secretary—Mrs. W. J. Boger.
Mission Study Secretary—Miss Annie Milne.

The delegates were enrolled as follows:

Southwestern Virginia—Mrs. W. R. Brown, Miss May Scherer, Mrs. H. N. Miller, Mrs. J. G. Bringman.

South Carolina—Mrs. Kate Eargle, Mrs. Herbert C. Bell, Mrs. J. L. Wise, Mrs. B. W. Cronk, Mrs. Edward Fulenwider.

North Carolina—Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin, Mrs. A. W. Winecoff, Miss Mattie Miller, Mrs. V. Y. Boozer, Mrs. W. H. Riser, Mrs. V. C. Ridenhour.

Georgia—Mrs. W. E. Pugh, Miss Lalla McGraw, Mrs. A. Hoppe.

Holston—Mrs. W. J. Caldwell, Miss Louie Bible.

Virginia—Mrs. H. H. Blease, Mrs. I. D. Worman.

Tennessee—Mrs. R. A. Yoder, Mrs. L. S. Trotti, Mrs. R. L. Fritz.

Mississippi—Mrs. T. B. Epting.

Words of welcome were spoken by Mrs. R. C. Holland and response was made by Mrs. J. G. Bringman.

Synodical messages were brought to the Conference as follows:

Mrs. W. R. Brown, for Southwestern Virginia Synod.
Mrs. Kate Eargle, for South Carolina Synod.
Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin, for North Carolina Synod.
Mrs. A. Hoppe, for Georgia Synod.
Mrs. W. J. Caldwell, for Holston Synod.
Mrs. I. D. Worman, for Virginia Synod.
Mrs. R. A. Yoder, for Tennessee Synod.
Mrs. T. B. Epting, for Mississippi Synod.
Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, for General Synod.
Mrs. Chas. L. Fry, for General Council.

Advisory Members.

All visiting ministers and Mrs. Shaffer, Mrs. Fry, Mrs. J. A. Thom, Mrs. P. R. Misenheimer, Mrs. A. J. Bowers, Mrs. F. P. Cover, Mrs. Hinson, Mrs. J. Q. Wertz, and Mrs. R. C. Holland were enrolled as advisory members.

The President read her report.

Report of President.

Dear Friends and Fellow-workers: Heretofore when my thoughts have turned to the message that I should bring to you, a profound thankfulnes to almighty God for His manifold blessings and evident favor has been uppermost. Today the thankfulness is yet more profound, but with it comes an almost overwhelming sense of humility, together with the added feeling of responsibility that confronts every member of God's Kingdom in America. No

thinking man or woman can escape the conclusion that henceforth we must interpret duty, opportunity and obligation in terms which have reference to that titanic conflict which has been so aptly termed the suicide of European Civilization.

So grim, so fearful and so heart-paralyzing has become the terror that flieth by night, and so overwhelming the destruction that wasteth at noon-day that the imagination falters and language fails.

Our usual interests, however great, our usual problems, however pressing, seem petty and insignificant in comparison to the great tide of human misery now slowly rising to its height. When exhaustion, physical and economic, brings this war to an end, it will doubtless be America's task to lead in the colossal work of reconstruction that must follow. It will be especially the duty of the Church in America to preserve that ideal of the Christian nation now being so rudely shattered in the eyes of the East.

It was for the healing of the nations that the tree of life was planted in the holy city, and bear twelve manner of fruits. And it is to the healing doctrines of the Gospel to its remedies for the diseases which are racking our modern civilization that our eyes are turned instinctively today. Especially here in America, far from the scenes of actual conflict, we think of the religion of Christ as containing remedies for which, in its unfathomable misery, the warring world will have to turn, and we desire to be in readiness to exercise a healing ministry. "The spirit of the Lord is upon me because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Can we, dare we appropriate a like vision for the Church in America. As followers of Christ, we can, and with His help, we must. We turn to God to aid us in our sympathy; to guide, to purify, and direct into helpful channels those emotions by which each of us is so profoundly moved.

Already opportunities lie thick before us in the appeals which come to us from the missionaries of other nations who must see the labor of years made of none effect unless the Church in America can come to their aid.

EXTENSION OF WORK.

But to turn from these scenes from which we would so gladly escape to our more immediate problems. We must always re-

member that we can only grow worthy of larger responsibilities by fulfilling to the letter those already entrusted to us. We find that the women of our United Synod are pressing steadily forward in our chosen field of endeavor. At each biennial meeting since our organization it has been our pleasure to hear of a new Synodical society, and frequently the zeal and energy displayed by our new recruits put some of us to shame. We greet this year the synodical body composed of the women of the Tennessee and Georgia Synods. The interest in the Young People's Societies and in the Mission Study classes is likewise noteworthy.

At our last Conference a number of new secretaries were appointed to look after the interests of the various departments of our work. Perhaps all of us were too unfamiliar with the duties involved in these offices for very efficient work to have been done. But we have made a beginning; there has been sincere effort on the part of some of these officers, and we hope very much that the discussions of the work of the various departments will help us to gain a clearer idea of the needs and possibilities involved.

A request has come for a uniform constitution for Synodical Societies. Such a constitution has been drafted by the Executive Committee and will be submitted for your consideration.

Again we would express our appreciation of the untiring effort and successful accomplishments of our General Literature Committee. The real burden of the work of the Conference rests upon their devoted shoulders. We owe them not only gratitude but such financial support as will make their work possible without too great personal sacrifice.

We are greatly indebted, too, to Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps for her faithful conduct of the Woman's Department in the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and to our Board of Publication for the generous offer of the weekly page for this department.

OUR MISSIONARIES.

The sending out of our two young women missionaries to Japan marks the beginning of a new era in our work. It is a matter for congratulation that the money necessary for their support has been so promptly forthcoming. The action of the several Synodical Societies makes it necessary only for our Conference to suggest such a division of the amount needed as will assure their continued support. The Conference is to be congratulated, too, upon the fact that two such well-equipped young women should have been ready to accept the call to work in Japan.

Our thanks are due to the Motherhouse in Baltimore and to the Mary J. Drexel Home for the fact that our missionaries have had the great benefit of the training in these institutions, and that no claims for the expense involved in their training have been presented to our Board. We can show our appreciation in a practical way by urging the claims of the deaconess work upon our young women. Both Motherhouses lament the lack of applicants for the office.

OUR HOME MISSION WORK.

Each Synodical Society has in the past decided upon its own Home Mission work. Are we ready for united effort along these lines? It has been suggested that the Children's societies unite upon the Birmingham Church for their special Home Mission work. What is the pleasure of the Conference in regard to this matter?

The puzzling question of how to preserve the balance between the undesignated contributions known as the general fund and contributions for special objects is one that engages the attention of every mission board and every synodical officer. We should be glad to have some expression of opinion from the Conference on this point.

In conclusion, I desire to express grateful appreciation of the unfailing consideration and hearty cooperation shown by all members of the Conference. I am also deeply sensible of the high honor you have done me in making me your presiding officer for four successive terms. This trust is returned to you with best wishes and prayers for the increasing growth and prosperity of our sacred cause.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WYTHE F. MOREHEAD.

Special committees were appointed, and Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps was asked to report the meeting to the *Lutheran Church Visitor*. The session adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D.

SECOND SESSION.

Sunday, November 8, 1914.

9:30 a. m. (Ebenezer Church)—Delegates' Hour of Prayer was led by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

11:15 a. m., Conference sermon by Rev John W. Horine, D.D. At this time the Holy Communion was administered.

THIRD SESSION.

Sunday, November 8, 1914.

3:30 p. m., Children's Meeting (Ideal Auditorium), led by Mrs. J. H. Harms. An illustrated talk, "Children of the World," was given by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, accompanied by a children's chorus.

FOURTH SESSION.

Sunday, November 8, 1914.

8 p. m. (St. Paul's Church), Mrs. W. F. Morehead presiding. An address, "The Black War Clouds and Their Rainbow of Promise," by Mrs. Chas. L. Fry, Philadelphia, editor of the *Mission Worker,* and an address, "The Imperative Need of Christian Missions in Japan," by Rev. C. K. Lippard, D.D., Saga, Japan, were the features of the evening.

FIFTH SESSION.

Monday, November 9, 1914.

9:30 a. m., Bible Study, "The Social Teachings of the Book of the Covenant," Mrs. H. C. Bell.

10:30 a. m., Mission Study, "The Child at School," Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

Prayer, led by Rev. W. H. Riser.

After the roll call and reading of the minutes, routine business was taken up.

The Report of the Literature Committee was read, received and referred to the proper committee.

Report of the General Literature Committee.

The past biennium has been marked by decided changes and advance in our literature work.

NEW HEADQUARTERS.

Soon after the meeting in Atlanta we moved into our new headquarters in the Lutheran Publication Building in Columbia. The office was furnished largely by special contributions, and while the equipment is not complete it will be easy now to increase it according to the gradual growth of the work. An Underwood typewriter has been purchased during the year.

This Conference cannot appreciate too highly the generosity of the Lutheran Board of Publication in providing our literature

headquarters. Not only have they provided the room but have given help in many ways. There has been the most delightful co-operation between our committee and the Board in the handling and distribution of missionary literature.

To the courtesy of Dr. W. H. Greever, General Manager, and of his successor, Dr. J. W. Horine, to the artistic ability and the special interest which Mr. M. L. Farrell, manager of the printing department, has shown in the development of our leaflet literature, to the never-failing helpfulness of Mr. R. C. Counts and Mr. W. P. Houseal, we owe much of the success of the work of the biennium.

CLERICAL WORK.

Miss Lottie Wyse has given regularly two hours a day and many extra hours to the clerical work of the office. She has been of invaluable assistance and has made it possible for the Secretary of Literature to carry on the work.

The growth of the work has been such that some arrangement must be made to meet the growing demands of the office and to supplement the small amount of $10 per month allowed for this purpose. This is the only salary that has been paid by the committee.

LEAFLETS PRINTED.

During the biennium 424,500 pieces of literature have been printed. Of these 413,000 were leaflets, and 11,500 were programs, which is an increase of 245,000 over the preceding biennium.

In addition to this we have circulated about 35,000 leaflets printed by other Boards.

The following new publications have been printed: The Idol With An Apron, Some Immigrants I Have Known, Just As Good for Them, Sowing Prayers in America, Week of Prayer Folders, Bible Study Leaflets, Knowing Jesus Makes a Difference, From Calvary to Olivet, The Candy Baby, The House That Wears an Overcoat, The Story of a Popgun, Lutheran Fact Series, A Plea for the Twelve, The Hindered Christ, A Letter of Introduction, Careless Daughters, A Missionary Carol, As Thy Servant Was Busy Here and There, Invitations to Week of Prayer, Sin Bearers of Paper, From the Pulpit of a Hospital Cot, I Am the Immigrant, America, Unsatisfied, Mission's First, The Best for Christ, God's Answer, The Measure of Their Fidelity, All that We Ask, For You and For Many, The Path the Calf Made, A Lutheran of the New Japan, Miriam's Thanksgiving Prayer, Rope Holders, I Wonder What I

Would Do, Hands for the Master's Use, Give Them to Eat, Our Living Links, Here and There, Little Builders, A Thousand Miles With a Message, Ginger Bread or Missions, A Bag of Wishes, Visions of the Christmas Star, The Conquering Cross, Japanese Women I Have Known, All the Children of the World, From the Women of the East, The Doing Without Box, The Girl Who Volunteered, Thank Offering Service, Life Membership Folders, When Little Pine Prayed, The Banana Tree, Amah San's Mistake, Young Japan at Prayer, A Sacrifice of Thanksgiving, The Opportunities that Sail Back.

The only payments made to authors for manuscripts has been in the case of co-operative publications, our committee paying its proportionate share of the $5 allowed for such manuscripts.

COOPERATIVE LITERATURE WORK.

There has been a marked increase in co-operative literature production. The co-operative committee, consisting of a representative from the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod, has issued a number of manuscripts which will be reported by our representative on that committee. Also there has been most satisfactory co-operation between our committee and the General Council committee in the publication of the monthly programs. It is scarcely possible for us to realize the extent of the influence in the circulation of these programs. A recent request that we add figures for Lutheranism in Canada when giving statistics suggests it.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS.

There has been a decided increase in the sale of programs. The first program order placed by the present secretary in 1908 was for 250 copies. The order for 1915 is 4,700.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITERATURE.

A meeting of our committee with the program committee of the Young People's Federation of the South Carolina Synod was held in November, 1912, to discuss the advisability of issuing special programs for Young People's Societies. The situation is rather complicated as the relationship of the Young People's Societies to the Women's Conventions is different in the various Synods. In South Carolina there is no connection other than advisory between the Women's societies and the Young People's societies, and therefore the furnishing of programs for these societies does not come

within the province of our committee. In the other Synods the Young People's societies form a part of the Women's Synodical organization, and we have been furnishing them with the same literature used by the Women's societies. The Literature Committee of the Federation of Young People's Societies of the South Carolina Synod issued excellent programs for 1914, and they have 1915 programs in press. This action was taken with the hearty indorsement of our committee and not in any opposition to it. It suggests the advisability of co-operation on the part of the Young People's societies of all the Synods in the publication of literature to meet their specific needs. It is developing not only splendid programs but marked ability on the part of some of our young writers.

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE.

The work of supplying Children's programs which is only four years old has grown rapidly. These programs have had a wide sale outside of the United Synod as well as outside of our own denomination. The call for the little red boxes has noticeably decreased in the biennium.

THANK OFFERING DEPARTMENT.

There has been a growth in the demand for Thank Offering literature. To meet this a special thank offering service prepared by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps has been published.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT.

Life Membership certificates have been printed. Also a leaflet explaining the purpose of Life Memberships.

EXHIBITS.

More interest than usual has been taken in the literature exhibits at the Synodical Conventions and larger sales made. Our literature exhibits at inter-denominational conventions have resulted in large sales to other Boards.

WEEK OF PRAYER LITERATURE.

The demand for Week of Prayer literature is increasing. Last year a program, entitled "The Conquering Cross," for use of public meetings to conclude the Week of Prayer, was prepared by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps and published by the committee. It was widely and effectively used.

MISSION STUDY BOOKS.

The number of Mission Study classes is growing steadily and there is a noticeable increase in the sale of text-books. The figures given in our report do not represent the total circulatiion of Mission Study books, as a large number of the orders are sent to the Lutheran Publication Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We recommend that the thanks of this Conference be given to the Lutheran Board of Publication for providing our Literature Headquarters, and to the managers of the different departments for their interest and help in advancing our work.

2. That we recommend to the young people of the various Synods that they consider the advisability of co-operation in the publication of programs.

3. That all of our Synodical Societies be urged to adopt uniform plans for the Thank Offering, and that this Conference designate November as Thank Offering month, urging all Synodical Thank Offering Secretaries to communicate immediately with their auxiliary societies, urging them to arrange a public thank offering service in November, using the service, "Receiving and Rendering."

4. That the responsibility for securing literature exhibits for the synodical conventions be placed on each Synodical Literature Secretary.

5. That the amount expected of each synodical convention for the support of the literature work be named by this Conference.

6. That an auditing committee be appointed to examine the books of the General Literature Committee for the next biennium before the meeting of the Conference and report at that meeting.

MRS. E. C. CRONK,
MRS. M. O. J. KREPS,
Committee.

Statement of Secretary of Literature.

RECEIPTS FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1912, TO NOVEMBER 1, 1914.

Sale of Programs	$	453 39
Sale of Leaflets of our own Publication		799 45
Sale of Leaflets of other Boards		20 76
United Service Books		75 93
Program Packets		43 70

Junior Program Packets	71 89
Literature appropriations	535 00
Mission Study Text-books	226 03
Mission Study Helps	1 40
Music sheets	14 61
Subscription to Everyland	1 50
Subscription to Lutheran Mission Worker	1 00
Subscription to Lutheran Woman's Work	2 00
Subscription to Foreign Missionary	25
Missionary Exercises and Reciations	12 53
Easter Services—Message of Light	11 63
Office Furniture	56 20
Books (other than Text-book)	24 13
Postage	8 79
Clerical work	150 00
Charts	3 00
Birthday boxes	26
Thank-offering Literature	90
Week of Prayer Literature	26 12
Japan Curio box	1 50
Mite Boxes (Special order)	23 13
Muhlenberg portraits	1 00
Credit Missionary Education Movement	1 00
Balance on hand, Nov. 1, 1912	9 89
Total	$ 2,578 99

Disbursements From November 1, 1912, to November 1, 1914.

Postage	$ 181 39
Other Boards for Leaflets	119 32
Printing	1,195 99
Stationery and office supplies	19 91
Postoffice box rent	12 00
Express and freight	29 79
Mission Study Text-books	175 70
Mission Study Helps	3 99
Drayage	6 30
Subscriptions to Everyland	40
Subscriptions to Foreign Missionary	50
Subscriptions to Lutheran Woman's Work	1 00
Subscriptions to Lutheran Mission Worker	1 00
Cuts and electros	16 20
Clerical work	235 00
Japanese postcards	2 50

Office furnishings	113 17
Books (other than Mission Study)	24 17
Literature exhibitor	15 50
Manuscripts (for Co-operative Publication)	40 00
Thank-offering boxes	28 67
Mite boxes	19 63
Typewriter	69 19
Missionary exercises and recitations	31 08
Total	$ 2,342 40

MRS. E. C. CRONK, Secretary of Literature.

The Report of Advisory Committee to Board of Foreign Missions was read adopted.

Report of Advisory Committee to the Board of Foreign Missions.

This committee held one meeting at the call of the President of the Board of Foreign Missions. At this time it was decided to extend the call to Miss Bowers and Miss Akard to the work in Japan. Since this time all necessary details have been settled by correspondence with the Board of Foreign Missions.

MRS. W. F. MOREHEAD,
MRS. M. O. J. KREPS,
MRS. R. L. PATTERSON.

The financial statement of the Board of Foreign Missions was read and ordered printed in the minutes.

Financial Statement of Board of Foreign Missions.

Board of Foreign Missions of United Synod in Account With Woman's Missionary Conference—In re Woman's Work in Japan.

RECEIPTS.

1913.		
Nov.	Y. P. Federation, S. C., outfit of Miss B.	$ 100 00
	Mrs. A. W. Winecoff, treasurer	350 00
Dec.	Miss Cline, treasurer	500 00
1914.		
	Y. P. Federation, S. C., support Miss B.	500 00
	Mrs. Allworden, treasurer	557 93

	Woman's Society, Southwestern Virginia Synod	200 00
	Woman's Society, Virginia Synod	200 55
	St. John's church, Statesville, N. C.....	14 41
	St. Andrew's, Hickory, N. C.	6 40
Oct. 15	Total Receipts .....$	2,429 29

DISBURSEMENTS.

1913.		
Nov.	Outfit for Misses A. and B.....$	300 00
Dec.	Transit tickets for Misses A. and B.....	413 55
1914.		
	Transit incidentals, Miss A.	37 50
	Transit incidentals, Miss B.	52 50
	Transit salary, for both for ten months—Feb. to Nov.	1,000 00
	Incidentals—rent, teachers' allowance, supplementary, March to November, health allowance	365 00
	$	2,168 55
	Balance	260 74
	$	2,429 29
Oct. 16.	Additional of Miss Cline, treasurer (?).....$	500 00

ROBERT C. HOLLAND,
President.

The report of Corresponding and Statistical Secretary was read and adopted.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

NOVEMBER, 1912, TO NOVEMBER, 1914.

North Carolina Synod.—Women's societies, 53; members, 1689.

Virginia Synod.—Societies, 20; members (about), 450.

South Carolina Synod.—Women's, 78; members, 2000.

Southwest Virginia Synod.—Women's Societies, 34; members, 6000.

Holston Synod.—Women's Societies, 20; members, 347.

Georgia Synod.—Organization too recent for reports.

Tennessee Synod.—Women's Societies, 21; members, 250.

MRS. JOHN G. BRINGMAN.

Report of Treasurer was received and adopted.

Report of Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Life Membership	$ 155 00
Offering at 1912 Convention	8 00
Virginia Synodical Society	5 00
Southwestern Virginia Synodical Society	5 00
Total	$ 173 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. Cronk, for clerical work	$ 150 00
Janitor at 1912 Convention	1 00
Board of Pub., for programs	6 83
Board of Pub., for Life Membership certificates	7 50
Literature Com. at Baltimore, for Life Memb'ship badges	5 62
Balance	2 05
Total	$ 173 00

MRS. J. H. HARMS, Treasurer.

Report of Editorial Board was received and adopted.

Report of Editorial Board.

Your Committee appointed at the last biennial meeting to devise improved and more satisfactory plans for the Woman's Missionary Department regret to report that nothing has been accomplished favorable to changed conditions. Quite recently the Committee held a conference with the present Editor, Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D., but no definite action has been taken and no suggestions have been offered upon which we can make any recommendations to this Conference.

MRS. M. O. J. KREPS,
MRS. J. H. HARMS,
MRS. E. C. CRONK.

Greetings from the General Synod were spoken by Mrs K. B. Shaffer; from the General Council, by Mrs. Chas. L. Fry; from the United Norwegian Church, by Mrs. G. Taylor Rygh; from the United Synod, by Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., and from Foreign Mission Board, by Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.

The Noontide Hour of Prayer was led by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps. A letter from Miss Mary Lou Bowers, Tokyo, Japan, was read by

Mrs. E. C. Cronk, and the session closed with the benediction by Rev. C. K. Lippard, D.D.

At the close of the meeting a delightful luncheon was served by the ladies of Ebenezer and St. Paul's Churches at the home of Mrs. C. A. Freed.

SIXTH SESSION.

Monday, November 9, 1914.

2:30 p. m. (Ebenezer Church), Bible Study, "The Holy Land and Its People as Seen in St. Mark's Gospel." Mrs. Herbert C. Bell.

3. p. m. Mission Study, "The Child at Worship," Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

3:30 p. m., quartette by Messrs. Huffman, Yost, Petrea and Morgan.

The roll was called and the minutes read.

A letter from Miss Martha Akard, Tokyo, Japan, was read by Mrs. J. G. Bringman. It was suggested that the officers and delegates, during the sessions of the Convention, write a convention letter to "our missionary girls" in Japan.

The report of the Executive Committee was read, received and adopted by items.

Report of Executive Committee.

We, your Executive Committee, recommend:

1. That Article VI of the By-Laws be amended as follows:

Department Secretaries shall be appointed by the Executive Committee at each Conference for developing different lines of special work. The Secretary of the work in each department shall co-operate with the secretaries of the same work in each of the Synodical Societies. It shall be the duty of each General Secretary to see that the work of her department is properly presented at the Synodical Conventions.

2. That we request the editor of the United Synod Church Almanac to publish a list of the officers and General Secretaries of our Conference and Synodical Societies.

3. That instead of electing one person to fill the office of Editor and Secretary of Literature the work be divided—one person being appointed Editor and another Secretary.

4. That owing to the increased size of the Woman's Conference, we consider the advisability of having our meetings at a seperate time and place from that of United Synod.

MRS. W. F. MOREHEAD, President.

Under this report it was

Resolved, That the time and place of next meeting be left to the decision of the Executive Committee, in connection with the Executive Committee of United Synod. A talk was then given by Miss May Scherer, "The College Girl and Missions."

The Conference was dimissed with prayer and the benediction by Rev. T. B. Epting.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Monday, November 9, 1914,

8 p. m. (St. Paul's Church), Mrs. W. J. Boger presiding. Vespers conducted by Rev. T. B. Epting; reading, "All That Was Left," Miss Ruth Efird; address, "Present Day Tendencies," Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, of Delaware, Ohio, editor of *Lutheran Woman's Work.*

EIGHTH SESSION.

Tuesday, November 10, 1914.

9:30 a. m. (Ebenezer Church), Bible Study, "The Christ and the Christian of the Book of Hebrews," Mrs. H. C. Bell.

10 a. m., Prayer led by Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

The roll was called, minutes read and approved.

The Cooperative Literature Committee submitted the following report which was adopted.

Report of Cooperative Literature Committee.

No regularly called meetings of the Cooperative Literature Committee have been held during the biennium, but there has been much correspondence and consultation, and marked progress in the cooperative publication of missionary literature has been made.

The following publications have been issued: Missionary Exercises and Recitations, The Lutheran Fact Series, Careless Daughters, Opportunities That Sail Back, When Little Pine Prayed, The Girl Who Volunteered to Stay at Home.

In addition to this there has been cooperation on a number of leaflets, which do not bear the cooperative imprint.

It becomes more and more evident that the possibility of the development of this work is great almost beyond our power to estimate. When the Lutheran women of America cooperate fully on missionary literature, it will be possible for us to develop pub-

lications which will have a wide value and interest, in addition to the literature that is necessarily more local.

MRS. E. C. CRONK,

Member of Cooperative Literature Committee from the United Synod.

On motion, Mrs E. C. Cronk was chosen representative of the Conference on the Cooperative Literature Committee for the next biennium.

The official visitor to the meeting of Woman's Missionary Societies of the General Synod made her report.

Report of Official Visitor to the Federation of Women's Missionary Societies of the General Synod.

Being present at the meeting of the Biennial Convention of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the General Synod at York, Pa., May 31-June 5, I was appointed by our President to act as official visitor in the place of the regular delegate, who was unable to attend.

It was a great pleasure to meet with the women of the General Synod, who have been pioneers in the missionary work of Lutheran women in America, and to whom we owe so much in the development of our work. The sessions were full of interest from beginning to end.

A meeting was called of the representatives of the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod to discuss plans for a fitting celebration, by the Lutheran women of North America, of the four hundredth anniversary of the Reformation. Mrs. Chas. L. Fry, of the General Council, was made chairman and Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, of the General Synod, secretary, of a committee to develop these plans.

Mrs. K. B. Shaffer was appointed official visitor to the Conference of the Women's Missionary Societies of the United Synod to be held in Columbia, November 7-10, 1914.

MRS. E. C. CRONK, Official Visitor.

Also, the report of the Official Visitor to the Federation of Women's Missionary Societies of the General Council was presented as follows:

Report of Official Visitor to the Meeting of Woman's Missionary Societies of the General Council.

Inasmuch as the official visitor appointed to represent this Conference at the Biennial Meeting of the Women's Missionary Fed-

eration of the General Council was unable to attend the sessions of that body, I accepted the appointment of the President to act in that capacity.

The meeting, which was held in Toledo, Ohio, September 17-18, 1913, was a notable one in many respects. It is seldom one sees a federation only two years old so thoroughly organized in all of its departments. It was an inspiration to attend their sessions.

In connection with this meeting the commitee on the Federation of Lutheran Women's Societies of America, which was organized at York, Pa., on June 3rd, was augmented by the enrollment of Mrs. Emery Ewald, representing the Swedish Augustana Synod, and Mrs. C. T. Dahl, representing the United Norweigian Synod. Mrs. Chas. L. Fry was elected to represent the Federation at our Conference.

MRS. E. C. CRONK, Official Visitor.

Mrs. J. G. Bringman was appointed official visitor to the Federation of the General Council at its next meeting.

The official delegate to the meeting of Woman's Societies of the General Synod will be appointed by the Executive Committee.

The report of the Secretary of Children's Work was read, discussed and adopted.

Report of Secretary of Children's Work.

This is the first report that has been given on Children's work at the Woman's Conference of the United Synod. This important branch of our work has been too long neglected. Our Children have not been trained and enlisted for missionary service. There are possibly from 75,000 to 100,000 children in the United Synod. Of this number we have a total enrollment of about 2,500 in the societies of the United Synod. This certainly presents a fruitful field for aggressive service on the part of the women of the Church.

This is the child's age. The possibilities of childhood were never so fully realized and written up and advertised as they are today. Students of the time are realizing the social, industrial and economic value of childhood. The study of childhood has become professional, and great thinkers and earnest souls are giving time and wealth in working out the problem of the value of childhood to the home and nation. But the religious possibilities of the child are far greater than any that are social or industrial or economic. The interests of the kingdom are demanding that we think more of the possibilities of the children in promoting the

cause of Christ. It has been well said, "Child welfare is world welfare."

We ought to resolve at this convention to carry on a more active campaign for the enlistment of all the children of the United Synod. The South Carolina Synod has adopted as its watchword for next year, "Train the Children." This might well be used as the motto for all the synods.

The following is in brief the work done by the District Synods for the children:

North Carolina has 35 societies, 983 children enrolled and contributed during the past year, $774.90. Their funds are equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. The Home Mission part going to the missions of the North Carolina women, the new congregation at Raleigh. At the last convention it was agreed to give the Home part to Birmingham, and ask the children of other synods to unite in making this point definite work for the children. The foreign part is given towards the salary of Mr. Stirewalt.

The Southwestern Virginia Synod has 23 societies, 400 children enrolled, and during the past year have contributed $229. Four of these societies were organized just before the convention and had no funds to report. They pledge $200 on Mr. Stirewalt's salary and the balance is used for Home Missions in Southwest Virginia Synod. This year's balance is smaller than it has been for a number of years, due partly to the children working for the Hakata kindergarten and not sending it through the synodical treasurer.

The Virginia Synod has four societies, 55 children enrolled and contributed during the past year, $26.86. This does not include all the children's work of this Synod. Many Woman's societies in the country (where it is thought best not to have more than one organization) have children enrolled. Some Young People's societies have children enrolled. All of the above amount was given to the Foreign work. All the societies use the red boxes. They made special offerings for the Hakata work. This work has just begun. The societies are scarcely a year old and the Missionary Convention only three.

We have been unable to secure any report from the Holston Synod.

The Tennessee Synod has six societies. A Children's Secretary was appointed at their recent and first convention.

The South Carolina Synod has 33 socieites, 918 children enrolled and contributed $626 the past year. All funds collected through the red boxes are given towards the support of Mr. Stire-

walt. The remainder is divided between Home and Foreign Missions. The Foreign part is given to the kindergartens at Saga and Ogi and the Home portion to the Greenville mission. A number of the societies contributed to the Hakata kindergarten. The greater part of these contributions did not pass through the hands of the synodical treasurer, and are not reported.

MRS. J. H. HARMS,
Secretary of Children's Work.

The following was adopted:

That a committee consisting of the Children's Secretaries of the various Synods, with the General Secretary of Children's Work as Chairman, be appointed to prepare some device for collecting funds for the support of the Children's missionary.

It was

Resolved, That we suggest to our Children's Societies the advisability of the children uniting on Birmingham as a Home Mission point.

A dialogue, "The Delegate's Mission," was given by Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin and Miss Constance Cline.

The report of the Young People's Secretary was adopted by items and as a whole.

Report of Secretary of Young People's Work.

The Young People's Work has been gaining ground during the biennium, and before many years it bids fair to rival that of the Woman's Societies. In some Synods a beginning has just been made, while others are well-grown enough to assume obligations of their own. The facts and figures furnished me by the various officers are meager, and do not indicate the amount of work done. As the organizations are perfected and the machinery regulated, it would be interesting to have each year a statistical report from this department.

The Tennessee Convention, organized in October, 1914, reports seven Young People's Societies. Their funds pass through the hands of the Tennessee Synod. The Virginia Convention, organized in 1912, reports nineteen Young People's Societies. The Southwest Virginia Convention reports five Young People's Societies, which have raised nearly $100 during the past year for the support of the young woman missionaries. Three Mission Study class are also reported.

At least five Young People's Societies have been reported in the Synod of Georgia. So much work there is done through congregational societies that it is hard to make a fair distinction.

The North Carolina Young People now have thirty societies; have contributed $2,041.46 during the biennium, with a membership of 750. Fourteen Mission Study classes have been reported. The funds have been equally divided for the support of the Raleigh mission, and the support of Misses Akard and Bowers.

The Young People's Federation of the South Carolina Synod, while a free and independent organization, may well be reported as one of the active agencies of the United Synod. The number of societies is forty-two, with an enrollment of about 1,400 members. The total contributions for the biennium are $2,390. Last year the Federation paid $600 (salary of Miss Bowers), $200 to Greenville mission, about $100 for programs and tracts, about $500 to the support of the mission in Jackson, Miss. Five hundred programs have been printed and sold during the past year.

This report would be incomplete without mention of our Church schools which are acting as feeders for this work. Marion, Mont Amoena, the Collegiate Institute, Roanoke Woman's College, Summerland College, Lenoir, Elizabeth, Newberry and the Theological Seminary at Columbia are all to be commended for the leaders they are preparing in their missionary societies and mission study classes.

I beg leave to suggest:

First. That the Young People's Societies be accorded representation in this Conference on the same basis as the Woman's Societies.

Second. That the Young People's Societies of the various Synods co-operate with the South Carolina Federation of Young People in the preparation of programs.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSTANCE CLINE,
Secretary Young People's Societies.

Election of Officers.

The Conference then held its election of officers and the result is as follows:

President—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.
First Vice President—Mrs. W. F. Morehead.
Second Vice President—Mrs. R. L. Patterson.
Third Vice President—Mrs. W. J. Lintz.
Fourth Vice President—Mrs. I. D. Worman.
Fifth Vice President—Mrs. W. J. Boger.
Sixth Vice President—Mrs. C. E. Weltner.
Recording Secretary—Miss Constance Cline.

Corresponding and Statistical Secretary—Mrs. J. G. Bringman.
Treasurer—Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin.

It was suggested that the Mission Study classes use the following books during the year:

Woman's and Young People's Societies—"The Child in the Midst" or "Spirit of Japan."

Juniors—"Our World Family."

The Committee on Report of Literature Committee reported. This report was considered by items.

Report of Committee on Report of Literature Committee.

The report of your Literature Committee was considered. We are proud of the greatly increased work. No one can rightly estimate the widespread good for the Lord's cause that must result from this work. We recommend:

1. That a rising vote of thanks be given Mrs. E. C. Cronk for her efficient and untiring efforts in handling and distributing our literature.

2. That we note with gratitude and pride the number of beautiful and helpful tracts written by Mrs. E. C. Cronk and Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

3. We are justly proud of the programs issued and of the large number used, not only in our own Conference but other bodies.

4. That thanks be given to the Lutheran Board of Publication for the home of our literature and to the personal help of the office force. We cannot be too grateful for this invaluable help and cooperation.

5. That we recommend to the young people of the various Synods that they consider the advisability of cooperation in the publication of programs.

6. That all our Synodical Societies be urged to adopt uniform plans for the Thankoffering, and that this Conference designate November as Thankoffering month, urging all Synodical Thankoffering Secretaries to immediately communicate with their auxiliary societies urging them to arrange a public Thankoffering service in November, using the service, "Receiving and Rendering."

7. That the responsibility of securing literature exhibits for Synodical Conventions be placed on each Synodical Literature Secretary.

8. That the amount expected of each Synodical Convention for the support of the Literature work be named by this Conference.

9. That an auditing committee be appointed to examine the books of the General Literature Committee for the next biennium before the meeting of the Conference and report at that meeting.

10. That this Conference urge a more general use of the little red mite boxes; also the use of the thankoffering boxes in the Woman's and Young People's Societies.

11. Owing to the greatly increased work of the Editor and Secretary of the Literature Committee, a salary be given to this office, said salary to be appropriated from the income received from the sale of literature.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. KATE EARGLE,
MRS. H. N. MILLER,
MRS. R. A. YODER.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, adopted. Item 6, amended and adopted. Item 7, adopted. Item 8, referred to Executive Committee. Item 9, amended and adopted. Report adopted as a whole.

Noontide Prayer, "The Model Intercessory Prayer," Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

A resolution, offered by Mrs. J. G. Bringman was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That each Synodical Society make an appropriation for the expense of office and Literature administration, and that each Synodical Society pay a stated sum for each package of literature distributed to the local society.

This resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee, together with the Literature Committee, be appointed a committee to reach a fair estimate of the proportionate parts to be paid by the various Synodical Societies.

Mrs. R. A. Yoder presented a resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That we ask the United Synod to authorize the Home Mission Board to consider the advisability of fostering schools in neglected districts where children might be gathered and trained by the young people of our Church who would be willing to do such work on their own responsibility.

The report of the Mission Study Secretary was received and adopted.

Report of Mission Study Secretary.

CLASSES AND BOOK USED.

St. Luke's, Columbia, "Servants of the King;" Church of the Ascension, Columbia, and St. Paul's, Columbia, "Sunrise in Sun-

rise Kingdom" and "Japan for Christ"; Ebenezer, Columbia (three classes—books used), "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom," "Japan for Christ" and "India's Awakening"; Church of Redeemer, Newberry (four classes), all studying "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom"; St. Luke's, Prosperity, one class; St. Stephen's, Lexington, (one class), "The Call of the World"; St. John's, Charleston (two classes), "The Call of the World" and "Japan for Christ"; St. Barnabas, Charleston (one class), "Why and How of Foreign Missions" and "The New America."

Fourteen classes in North Carolina: "China's New Day," "Call of the World," "Servants of the King."

Southwest Virginia—St. Mark's, Roanoke (three classes), "Child in the Midst," "Japan for Christ"; Roanoke Woman's College and College church, Salem, (both young ladies' classes), "Child in the Midst."

Marion College, Marion (six classes); Burke's Garden; Trinity, Wytheville; St. Luke's, Wythe County; Buehler's, Bristol.

I suggest that the Conference request the Board of Foreign Missions to procure for us under our own imprint the pamphlet issued by the Missionary Education Movement, "Christ for Every Life and All of Life." With this pamphlet in hand the General Secretary will be in better position to give advice and help to synodical secretaries and others.

ANNIE MILNE,
Secretary of Mission Study.

The report of the Committee on President's Report was received, discussed, adopted by items, and then as a whole.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your Committee on President's Report begs to offer the following:

First. We commend the earnest and untiring efforts of our President in behalf of the cause she represents.

Second. We are glad to note the progress that is being made in the extension of our work, as manifested in the Young People's societies and the increased introduction of Mission Study classes. We also desire in this connection to give formal welcome to the new synodical bodies from the Tennessee Synod and the Georgia Synod.

Third. We note the mention of the untiring efforts and successful accomplishments of our Literature Committee. Too much cannot be said in praise of this committee.

Fourth. We would suggest to all our societies the presenting of the claims of the Deaconess work upon our young women.

Fifth. We recommend that the unification of our Home Mission work; the question of special objects for any department; and the matter of the division of the amount needed for our woman's work in Japan, among the several Synodical Societies be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. P. MACLAUGHLIN,
MRS. W. R. BROWN,
MRS. H. C. BELL.

The Conference was dismissed with the Benediction by Rev. G. W. McClanahan.

NINTH SESSION.

Tuesday, November 10, 1914.

3:30 p. m. (Ebenezer Church). The Conference began its session with prayer by Mrs. K. B. Shaffer.

The report of the Thankoffering Secretary was read and adopted.

Report of Thankoffering Secretary.

Dear Friends and Co-workers: Regretting exceedingly the inability to attend the meetings, I herewith beg leave to send the following report:

Southwest Virginia Synod—1912-1913, $171.62; 1913-1914, $204.74. The Foreign half has been paid in the support of our young women missionaries. The Home part for the past two years has gone in the Old Guard Fund.

Virginia Synod—1913-1914, $124.43. The Foreign half has been paid for the support of Miss Akard and Miss Bowers. The Home part to the Home Mission churches.

North Carolina Synod—1913-1914, $917.05. Did not state how used.

Holston Synod—1913-1914, $114.63. The Foreign half for support of Misses Akard and Bowers. The Home Mission for Home Mission churches.

Tennessee Synod—1913-1914, $170. No specific work. Turned in to the Home and Foreign Boards.

South Carolina Synod—1913, $565.24; 1914, $575.94. Did not state any specific work.

Georgia Synod—Did not send a report.

Total amount reported, $2,835.03.

A large majority reported that the boxes for 1914 have not been opened.

With best wishes for an earnest and profitable Conference, I am,

Yours in the Work,

HELEN I. SCHMIDT,
Thankoffering Secretary.

The Life Membership Secretary made her report which was adopted.

Report of Life Membership Secretary.

At the last meeting of the Woman's Missionary Conference in Atlanta two years ago the department of Life Membership was created and six names were enrolled during that meeting.

It necessarily took some time to get this department in shape to do the work systematically and effectively. The object and aim of the department had to be brought before all Synodical Societies and Synodical Secretaries appointed.

Three forms of certificates have been prepared, "In Memoriam," "Presented by" and another for those who take membership in their own names. A beautiful gold enamel pin is given with each Life Membership also.

All things are now ready for this work to be carried forward.

The Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod in the South stands for educational and inspirational leadership, so then it becomes necessary to publish forcible and effective literature on all phases of our Church's work.

For such publications and circulation it has no adequate source of income, other than its Membership Fund, and when this is generally known throughout our Southern Church many will be eager to help carry on this very important part of the work.

The Secretary of each Synodical Society should present to all the societies in her Synod the object and plans of this department, and distribute the leaflet on Life Membership gotten out by General Literature Committee and solicit membership "In Memoriam," Child Membership and Life Members and make a quarterly report to the General Secretary of Life Membership, and a full report made in *Lutheran Church Visitor* every quarter by the General Secretary, and once a year a booklet could be prepared containing names of all members secured during the year and pictures of Child Members and "In Memoriam members.

Let us see which Synodical Society can report the greatest number of names at our next meeting.

HONOR ROLL.

1. *Memberships "In Memoriam."*

Mrs. Hattie Bayne Bushong, Woodstock, Va.

2. *Life Membership.*

Miss Helen Schmidt, Richmond, Va.
Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. W. J. Boger, Monroe, N. C.
Mrs. Jno. A. Cline, Concord, N. C.
Miss Constance Cline, Concord, N. C.
Mrs. M. S. Habenicht, Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. F. P. Cover, Andrews, N. C.
Mrs. Mary Hipp, Newberry, S. C.
Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Roanoke, Va.
Mrs. L. A. Fox, Salem, Va.
Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher, Staunton, Va.
Mrs. W. A. Lutz, Statesville, N. C.
Mrs. C. K. Lippard, Statesville, N. C.
Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Columbia, S. C.
Miss Lilla Kibler, Newberry, S. C.

3. *Child Membership.*

Margaret Sieber, Roanoke, Va.

A very creditable beginning has been made, and now let all work together and pray that the work of this department may prove to be a great factor in helping to carry forward the work of the Church.

MRS. W. J. BOGER,
Life Membership Secretary.

Announcement was made of complimentary Life Membership to Mrs. W. F. Morehead by the Conference and to Mrs. C. A. Freed by the members of Ebenezer church.

Rev. R. S. Patterson addressed the Conference, presenting the claims of the Home Mission field.

Rev. T. B. Epting spoke of the work being done in Mississippi.

The Executive Committee submitted a Constitution for use in Synodical Societies.

A motion was made and adopted that the Constitution be submitted to the Synodical Societies for their approval.

As a result of the discussion, it was

Resolved, That no officer (excepting Treasurer) shall serve in the same office for more than two successive terms.

The General Secretaries for next biennium were appointed as follows:

Mission Study Secretary—Mrs. Herbert C. Bell.

Life Membership Secretary—Mrs. W. J. Boger.

Thank Offering Secretary—Mrs. I. D. Worman.

Children's Secretary—Mrs. J. H. Harms.

Young People's Secretary—Miss May Scherer.

Advisory Board to Board of Foreign Missions—Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Mrs. R. L. Patterson, and Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

Literature Committee—Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. Kate Eargle, Miss Lottie Wyse and Miss Annie Davis.

The Executive Committee having considered the matters referred to it, reported as follows:

Report of Executive Committee.

We, your Executive Committee, suggest:

1st. That the expenses of Misses Akard and Bowers be provided for as follows:

South Carolina Federation	$ 600
North Carolina Young People's Societies	500
Southwestern Virginia	200
Virginia	200
Holston	400
Tennessee	100
Georgia	50
Mississippi	25
Total	$ 2,075

2nd. That we name not less than $500 per year as the minimum amount for expenses of Editor and Secretary of Literature; that we leave all other details in the hands of the Literature Committee, subject to the action of the Executive Committee.

MRS. W. F. MOREHEAD, President.

This report was adopted by items and as a whole.

Mrs. Chas. L. Fry requested that the Conference appoint a representative to the Federation of Lutheran Women's Missionary Societies of North America.

Mrs. E. C. Cronk was appointed representative.

The Committee on Resolutions reported. The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

We, your Committee on Resolutions submit the following:

1st. That we, as co-workers with the United Synod, appreciate the official recognition and commendation expressed by the President of that body.

2nd. That we commend the spirit of unity and co-operation manifested in the deliberations of this body.

3rd. That the retiring President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead, be tendered our profound thanks for her self-sacrificing and efficient service in the administration of the affairs of this Conference.

4th. That we fully appreciate the message brought by Mrs. C. L. Fry of the General Council, expressing hearty appreciation and helpfulness of the work of our Literature Committee.

5th. That we are glad to have a representative of the General Synod, Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, bringing a message of cheer and a vision of greater opportunity.

6th. That our thanks are hereby tendered Rev. C. K. Lippard, D.D., Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., Rev. R. S. Patterson, Rev. T. B. Epting, Misses Akard and Bowers for their contributions to the success and inspiration of this Conference.

7th. That we gratefully acknowledge the courteous service rendered by the pastors, the daily press, the Lutheran institutions of the city, the cordial welcome and generous hospitality of the congregations.

8th. That we express our appreciation of the inspiring music furnished by the choirs of Ebenezer and St. Paul's churches and the Seminary quartette; also the illustrated lecture and chorus by the children.

9th. That we thank Mr. Schofield for the use of the Ideal auditorium, Miss Kitty Bollinger for training the children's chorus, and Miss Hattie Smithdeal and Mr. J. D. Smithdeal for directing the orchestra at the children's rally on Sunday afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS MATTIE MILLER,
MRS. B. W. CRONK,
MRS. W. J. CALDWELL.

Closing words of the Convention were spoken by Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps and Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

The Convention was then formally closed according to the regular order by the President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

CONSTANCE CLINE, Secretary.

APPENDIX

Joint Meeting of Executive and Literature Committee.

Pursuant to the action of the Conference, the Literature Committee met with the Executive Committee, on Tuesday afternoon, November 10 at 4 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kate Eargle and was opened with prayer. Mrs. E. C. Cronk was elected Editor and Secretary of Literature. The sum of $500 per year was voted for the office, the amount necessary to employ a clerk or stenographer, to be paid from this amount. It was voted to ask the Synodical Societies to buy their programs, beginning with the year 1916, at 25 cents each packet, postage additional; and also to make appropriations to the Literature work at one dollar for each Woman's and Young People's Society connected with the Synodical Society, and fifty cents for each Children's Society.

Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps was elected Editor of the Woman's Department of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*. The Literature Committee was requested to furnish program material to occupy the space of one issue each month. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Kreps for her faithful work as Editor. An Editorial Board, consisting of Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps and Mrs. W. G. Allworden was appointed. The apportionment of salaries for Young Women Missionaries was discussed. Attention was called to the fact that the apportionment of the Georgia Missionary Society should be $100 instead of $25 as stated in the report.

CONSTANCE CLINE, Secretary.
MAY SCHERER, Acting Secretary.

STATISTICS OF THE JAPAN MISSION FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING NOVEMBER, 1914.

The Field:	
Principal Stations	4
Auxiliary Stations	6
Organized Congregations	3
Forces in the Field:	
Missionaries—male	5
Missionaries' wives	4
Missionaries—single women	2
Native pastors and evangelists	6
Native Bible women	6
Baptized Members	425
Church Buildings	3
Missionaries' Homes	2
Native Pastors' Homes	2
Kindergarten School Buildings	2
Homes for Kindergarten Teachers	2
School:	
Kyushu Gakuin	1
Teachers	16
Students	400
Theological Students	6
Candidates	4
Sunday School:	
Schools	6
Scholars	600
Value of Property:	
Kyushu Gakuin	$67,000
All Other Property	$14,000
Total	$81,000
Annual Running Expenses	$19,000
Associated Work:	
Missionaries of the General Council	2
Missionaries of the Danish Church	2
Missionaries' wives	4
Evangelists	3
Baptized Members	150
Stations	2
Out Stations	2

STATISTICS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., Dean.

Location	Columbia, S. C.	
Term Begins	Third Wednesday in September	
Term Ends	First Wednesday in May	
Volumes in Library	4,000	
Faculty:		
Number of Professors	3	
Enrollment of Students (last two years): First year 21; Second year 16	37	
	First year.	Second year
Matriculated	6	3
Graduated	8	6
In attendance class of first year	6	6
In attendance class of second year	7	6
In attendance class of third year	8	2
In attendance special	.	2
Enrollment by Synods:		
North Carolina Synod	8	5
Tennessee Synod	5	2
South Carolina Synod	5	1
Virginia Synod	1	1
Mississippi Synod	0	0
Georgia Synod	1	1
Holston Synod	0	0
Southwest Virginia Synod	1	1
General Synod	.	1
Finances During the Biennium:		
Bequests	$6,000	
Gifts in cash	$ 500	
Present Endowment	$38,315.62	

STATISTICS OF THE LOWMAN HOME.

Name of the Institution: The Lowman Home for the Aged and Helpless.

Founded	1912
Location	White Rock, S. C.
Superintendent	Rev. W. P. Cline, D.D., White Rock, S. C.
Number of Assistants	2
Number of Inmates:	
Male	1
Female	4
Total	5
Value of all property	$28,000
Endowment	

STATISTICS OF THE LUTHERAN ORPHAN HOME OF THE UNITED SYNOD

Superintendent	Prof. J. T. Crabtree
Location	Salem, Va.
When Established	1888
Inmates:	
Teachers and Assistants	6
Male Children	42
Female Children	64
Total	106
Additions during Biennium	30
Losses During Biennium 1913-1914	20
By Death	...
Graduated or found other homes	20
Estimated Value of All Property	$40,000
Finances for the Biennium:	
Gifts in kind	$1,550
Gifts in cash	$16,000
Bequests	.....
Total Receipts	$17,550

HOME MISSIONS UNDER THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

	Name of Mission	Location of Mission	Synod	Pastor	Appropriations. For Lot.	For Buliding.	For Support.	Total.
1	Richmond	Richmond, Va.	Virginia	Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr.	.....	$ 1400	.....	$ 1400
2	First Church	Greensboro, N. C.	North Carolina	Rev. J. E. Shenk	.....	1000	$ 630	1630
3	Emmanuel	Bluefield, W. Va.	S. W. Virginia	Rev. K. Y. Umberger	.....	1000	264	1264
4	St. Stephen's	Lenoir, N. C.	Tennessee	Rev. J. F. Deal	.....	.....	400	400
5	Christ Church	Birmingham, Ala.	Georgia	Rev. E. H. Copenhaver	$ 5000	2500	600	8100
6	Grace	Lakeland, Fla.	Georgia	Rev. W. E. Pugh	.....	.....	100	100
7	Woman's Memorial	Spartanburg, S. C.	South Carolina	Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D.	.....	.....	180	180
8	Greenville	Greenville, S. C.	South Carolina	Rev. C. L. Miller	.....	1000	450	1450
9	Lingle Pastorate	Lingle, Miss.	Mississippi	Rev. A. W. Ballentine	.....	.....	120	120
10	Luther Memorial	Portsmouth, Va.	Virginia	Rev. W. A. Craun	.....	.....	700	700
11	Bristol	Bristol, Tenn.	S. W. Virginia	Rev. E. L. Ritchie	.....	.....	150	150
12	Trinity	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Georgia	Rev. John Hall	.....	1000	100	1100
13	Gastonia	Gastonia, N. C.	Tennessee	Rev. J. C. Dietz	.....	.....	250	250
14	Charlotte	Charlotte, N. C.	North Carolina	Mr. W. P. Cline	.....	.....	75	75
15	Holy Trinity	Raleigh, N. C.	North Carolina	Rev. J. L. Morgan	2611	.....	.....	2611
16	Calvary	Spencer, N. C.	North Carolina	Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D.D.	.....	1000	.....	1000
17	First Church	Kannapolis, N. C.	North Carolina	Rev. G. H. C. Park	.....	.....	200	200
18	Morristown	Morristown, Tenn.	Holston	Rev. J. G. Graichen	.....	.....	300	300
19	Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Holston	Rev. L. B. Spracher	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	Macon	Macon, Ga.	Georgia	Rev. Paul Weber	.....	.....	400	400
21	Jackson	Jackson, Miss.	Mississippi	Rev. T. B. Epting	.....	.....	800	800
	21 Missions.			21 Pastors	$ 7611	$ 8900	$ 5719	$ 22230

HOME MISSIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD

	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of all Property
1	First Church	1905	Lexington, N. C.	Rev. V. Y. Boozer	77	68	1	1	1	$ 11500
2	Grace	1911	Thomasville, N. C.	Rev. V. Y. Boozer	25	....	1	..	..	1500
3	Woman's Memorial	1907	High Point, N. C.	Rev. P. D. Brown	97	110	1	1	..	10500
4	Lebanon	1893	Barber, N. C.	Vacant	69	86	1	1	1	2500
5	Providence	1871	Mocksville, N. C.	Vacant	38	....	1	1	..	545
6	St. Matthew's	1847	Mocksville, N. C.	Vacant	47	26	1	1	..	900
7	Nazareth	1785	Rural Hall, N. C.	Rev. J. A. L. Miller	108	80	1	1	1	1800
8	Bethany	1889	Stokes Co., N. C.	Rev. J. A. L. Miller	31	70	1	1	..	800
9	Shiloh	1777	Forsythe Co., N. C.	Rev. J. A. L. Miller	46	41	1	1	..	1000
10	St. Andrew's	1893	Concord, N. C.	Vacant	50	112	1	1	1	2200
11	Calvary	1913	Concord, N. C.	Vacant	48	....	..	..	..	.....
12	Landis	1908	Landis, N. C.	Rev. B. S. Brown	80	70	1	1	1	4050
13	Concordia	1882	Rowan Co., N. C.	Rev. B. S. Brown	163	122	1	1	1	2400
14	Calvary	1904	Spencer, N. C.	Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D.D.	54	73	*1	1	..	5000
15	Holy Trinity	1912	Raleigh, N. C.	Rev. J. L. Morgan	12	10	*1	1	..	12750
16	Liberty	1912	Liberty, N. C.	Rev. J. L. Morgan	16	....	..	..	..	400
17	First Church	1914	Kannapolis, N. C.	Rev. G. H. C. Park	29	110	1	..	..	800
	17 Missions		9 Pastorates		990	978	16	13	6	$ 58654

*In course of erection.

APPROPRIATIONS.

By the United Synod. Calvary, $1000; Holy Trinity and Liberty, $2611; First Church (Kannapolis), $200. Total, $3811.

By the District Synod. First Church, Lexington, $218; Grace, $100; Woman's Memorial, $216; Lebanon, Providence and St. Matthew's, $150; Nazareth, Bethany and Shiloh, $156; St. Andrews and Calvary (Concord), $75: Landis and Concordia, $180; Holy Trinity and Liberty, $1400; First Church (Kannapolis) $200. Total, $2695. Grand Total, $6506.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD

	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of all Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Emmanuel	1902	Greenwood, S. C.	Rev. J. D. Kinard	55	35	1	1	..	$ 6500	.....	$650	$ 650
2	Woman's Memorial	1902	Spartanburg, S. C.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D.	54	50	1	1	..	12500	$ 180	575	755
3	St. Luke's	1902	Olympia, S. C.	Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D.	97	170	1	1	1	6000	.....	*500	500
4	Holy Trinity	1910	Brookland, S. C.	Rev. M. O. J. Kreps,D.D.	33	77	1	..	..	250	.....	.....	.....
5	Mayer Memorial	1900	Newberry, S. C.	Rev. W. H. Roof	83	85	1	1	..	1600	.....	180	180
6	Mt. Pleasant	....	Saluda, S. C.	Vacant	46	49	1	1	1	2850	.....	250	250
7	First Church	1909	Greenville, S. C.	Rev. C. L. Miller	61	64	1	†1	..	15000	1450	120	1570
8	Fairfax Pastorate	1906	Fairfax, S. C.	Rev. D. B. Groseclose	90	75	3	3	1	4000	.....	300	300
9	St. James'	....	Sumter, S. C.	Rev. J. H. Wilson, D.D.	40	49	1	1	..	4000	.....	300	300
10	St. Barnabas'	1912	Charleston, S. C.	Rev. Bernard Repass	70	200	1	1	..	5000	.....	180	180
	10 Missions		9 Pastorates		629	854	12	11	3	$57700	$1630	....	$4685

*St. Luke's and Holy Trinity. †In course of erection.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE GEORGIA SYNOD

1	St. James'	....	Brunswick, Ga.	Rev. C. E. Weltner, D.D.	30	35	1	1	..	$12600	.....	....	.....
2	Grace	....	Lakeland, Fla.	Rev. W. E. Pugh	27	42	1	1	..	7000	$ 100	....	.....
3	Trinity	....	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Rev. John Hall	41	18	1	1	..	12200	100	....	.....
4	St. Luke's	....	Macon, Ga.	Rev. Chas. A. Phillips	40	32	1	1	..	4000	.....	....	.....
	4 Missions		4 Pastorates		138	127	4	4	..	$35800	$ 200	....	$ 200

HOME MISSIONS OF THE VIRGINIA SYNOD

	Name of the Mission	When Established	Location of the Mission	Pastor	Church Buildings	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Building	Parsonages	Value of all Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	**Muhlenberg**	....	Harrisonburg, Va.	Rev. E. L. Folk	62	120	1	1	1	$ 4000	....	$ 420	$ 420
2	**Grace**	....	Waynesboro, Va.	Rev. J. F. Bruch	89	70	1	1	1	13000	....	250	250
3	**Emmanuel**	....	Woodstock, Va.	Rev. S. W. Kuhns	103	119	1	1	1	11200	....	100	100
4	**Trinity**	....	Newport News, Va.	Rev. W. W. Frey	120	86	1	1	1	8000	....	360	360
5	**Capon Pastorate**	....	Wardensville, W. Va.	Rev. H. E. H. Sloop	106	193	4	4	1	7700	....	150	150
6	**North River Pastorate**	....	Rio, W. Va.	Vacant	195	131	3	3	1	2800	....	200	200
7	**Buena Vista**	....	Buena Vista, Va.	Vacant	25	...	1	..	..	1500	....	450	450
	7 Missions		7 Pastorates		700	719	12	11	6	$48200	....	$1930	$1930

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD

1	**Holy Trinity**	....	Lynchburg, Va.	Vacant	54	43	1	1	1	$ 8000	.....	$ 350	$ 350
2	**Christ**	....	Radford, Va.	Rev. J. I. Coiner	66	41	1	1	..	4000	.....	150	150
3	**Woman's Memorial**	....	Pulaski, Va.	Rev. J. I. Coiner	78	60	1	1	..	6000	.....	150	150
4	**Church of the Redeemer**	....	Bristol, Tenn.	Rev. E. L. Ritchie	90	84	1	1	..	12000	$ 150	75	225
5	**Roanoke Co. Charge**	....	Roanoke Co.	Rev. J. M. Tise	98	280	6	6	..	3850	.....	209	209
6	**Bluefield**	....	Bluefield, W. Va.	Rev. K. Y. Umberger	51	58	1	1	1	20000	*1000	264	1264
7	**Graham**	....	Graham, Va.	Rev. K. Y. Umberger	45	68	1	1	2	5000	.....	.....	.....
	12 Missions		6 Pastorates		482	634	12	12	4	$58850	$1150	$1198	$2348

*Bluefield and Graham.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE TENNESSEE SYNOD

	Name of Mission	When Established	Location	Pastor	Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of all Property
1	Pelion	1913	Pelion, S. C.	Rev. J. K. Efird	....	....	..	..	..	.....
2	Manassas	....	Manassas, Va.	Rev. O. W. Aderholdt	43	68	1	1	..	$ 4500
3	Mt. Zion	....	Manassas, Va.	Rev. O. W. Aderholdt	26	82	1	1	..	1500
4	St. Luke's	....	Manassas, Va.	Rev. O. W. Aderholdt	23	....	1	1	..	1000
5	Trinity	....	Manassas, Va.	Rev. O. W. Aderholdt	8	....	1	1	..	750
6	St. Stephen	1908	Lenoir, N. C.	Rev. James F. Deal	35	35	1	1	..	5000
7	Mt. Zion	....	Lenoir, N. C.	Rev. James F. Deal	10	....	1	1	..	500
8	Bethany	....	Hickory, N. C.	Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D.	85	40	1	1	..	1200
9	Mt. Hebron	....	Hildebran, N. C.	Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D.	20	39	1	1	..	.....
10	Calvary	....	Morganton, N. C.	Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D.	16	18	1	1	..	1200
11	St. Luke's	....	Monroe, N. C.	Rev. W. J. Boger	40	30	1	1	1	10000
12	Morning Star	....	Matthews, N. C.	Rev. W. J. Boger	34	....	1	1	..	400
13	Gastonia	....	Gastonia, N. C.	Rev. J. C. Dietz	100	18	1	1	..	15000
14	Mt. Pleasant	....	Watauga Co., N. C.	Rev. M. L. Carpenter	68	10	1	1	1	1000
15	Mt. Zion	....	Watauga Co., N. C.	Rev. M. L. Carpenter	21	39	1	1	..	800
16	Holy Communion	....	Watauga Co., N. C.	Rev. M. L. Carpenter	47	28	1	1	..	800
17	Gap Creek	....	Watauga Co., N. C.	Rev. M. L. Carpenter	9	....	1	1	..	.....
18	Blowing Rock	....	Watauga Co., N. C.	Rev. M. L. Carpenter	24	....	1	1	..	600
19	Coble	....	Guilford Co., N. C.	Rev. D. I. Offman	90	80	1	1	..	500
20	Melanchthon	....	Randolph Co., N. C.	Rev. D. I. Offman	71	54	1	1	..	2300
21	Mt. Pleasant	....	Alamance Co., N. C.	Rev. D. I. Offman	24	79	1	1	..	2000
	21 Missions		8 Pastorates		794	620	20	20	2	$49050

APPROPRIATIONS.

By the United Synod. St. Stephen and Mt. Zion (Lenoir), $800.

By the District Synod. St. Stephen and Mt. Zion (Lenoir), $100; Bethany, Mt. Hebron and Calvary, $800; St. Luke's and Morning Star, $800; Gastonia, $250; Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Zion, Holy Communion, Gap Creek and Blowing Rock, $800; Coble, Melanchthon and Mt. Pleasant, $100. Total, $3150. Grand Total, $3950.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE HOLSTON SYNOD

	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of all Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Church of the Reformation	....	Greeneville, Tenn.	Rev. J. G. Graichen	33	...	1	1	..	$ 3000	*	$313	$ 313
2	Holy Trinity	....	Morristown, Tenn.	Rev. J. G. Graichen	54	60	1	1	..	2000	.....	....	.....
3	Church of the Ascension	....	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Rev. L. B. Spracher	40	...	..	..	..	.....	.....	....	.....
	Three Missions		Two Pastorates	Two Pastors	127	60	2	2	..	$ 5000	.....	$313	$ 313

*Church of the Reformation and Holy Trinity.

LITERARY INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED SYNOD

	Name of Institution	When Founded	Location	President	Number of Professors and Instructors	Number of Other Teachers	Capacity of the Institution	Students, Male	Students, Female	Total	Students for the Ministry	Alumni	Volumes in Library	Endowment	Value of all Prpoerty
1	Roanoke College*	1853	Salem, Va.	Rev. J. A. Morehead, A.M., D.D..	12	8	250	200	...	200	22	724	25000	$143440	$351940
2	Collegiate Institute*	1853	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	G. F. McAllister, A.M.....	5	..	110	102	...	102	1	121	4500	5000	40000
3	Newberry College†	1856	Newberry, S. C. ...	Rev. J. Henry Harms, A.M., D.D.	15	2	300	190	24	214	17	530	7000	150000	200000
4	Mont Amoena Seminary‡	1859	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	Rev. R. A. Goodman, A.B.	5	2	60	...	75	75	..	230	221	.....	30000
5	Marion Female College‡	1874	Marion, Va.	Rev. H. N. Miller, A.M., Ph.D...	13	..	160	...	120	120	..	200	500	.....	60000
6	Lenoir College†	1891	Hickory, N. C.	Rev. R. L. Fritz, A.M., D.D.....	13	5	325	171	116	287	29	174	2200	12000	150000
7	Elizabeth College‡	1897	Charlotte, N. C. ...	Rev. Chas. B. King, A.M., D.D....	22	2	100	...	202	202	..	180	1300	.....	400000
8	Roanoke Woman's College‡	1911	Salem, Va.	Rev. John C. Peery, A.M.	7	7	80	...	103	103	..	...	3000	10000	78000
9	Summerland College for Women†	1912	Leesville, S. C.	Rev. P. E. Monroe, A.M.	8		60		75	75		4	500		45000

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS OF THE UNITED SYNOD

	DISTRICT SYNODS	When Organized	Ministers	Churches	Stations	Students for the Ministry	Catechumens	Losses			Accessions					Membership				Finances			Sunday Schools	
								By Death	By Certificate	Other Losses	Infant Baptism	Adult Baptism	Confirmation	Certificate	Restoration	Baptized Members Not Confirmed	Confirmed Members	Total Membership	Increase Confirmed Members since last meeting of United Synod.	Value of all Church Property.	Indebtedness	All Local Expenses By Congregations.	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers
1	North Carolina	1803	54	75	..	10	1,123	116	216	114	492	26	348	291	16	4,159	9,917	14,076	347	$ 363,195	$ 24,567	$ 45,035	65	833
2	Tennessee	1820	55	135	..	22	1,805	131	176	15	615	40	404	247	..	7,143	13,154	20,297	778	391,620	.....	30,993	108	949
3	South Carolina	1824	50	85	..	7	649	170	195	201	428	25	329	292	3	3,196	10,860	14,856	35	798,262	20,936	46,353	...	551
4	Virginia	1829	33	30	..	3	409	85	56	179	130	147	115	113	7	.....	6,197	6,197	68	413,000	38,465	31,661	52	614
5	Southwestern Virginia	1842	37	72	20	4	285	95	54	69	197	178	214	195	..	6,684	5,315	11,999	85	215,650	12,876	7,478	55	503
6	Mississippi	1855	5	12	2	..	63	5	4	...	9	13	8	8	..	647	745	1,392	20	.....	.....	736	10	52
7	Georgia	1860	21	30	..	1	231	57	68	203	147	30	140	142	5	1,752	4,010	5,762	294	337,000	40,119	33,169	...	306
8	Holston	1861	11	24	1	1	71	23	17	5	57	12	68	76	7	529	1,853	2,372	208	133,400	3,202	6,753	12	92
	Totals	....	266	463	23	48	4,636	682	786	786	2,075	471	1,626	1,364	38	24,110	52,044	76,190	1,835	$2,352,127	$139,965	$ 202,178	302	3,864

Parochial Statistics of the United Synod—Continued

	S. S. (Con.)			Y. P. and Children's Societies			Benevolence.												Totals.		
	Scholars	Local Expenses	Benevolence	Members	Local Expenses	Benevolence	Synodical Treas.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Colleges and Theological Seminary.	Ministerial Education	W. H. and F. M. Societies.	Pastors' Fund	Orphan Home	Aid Societies	External Objects	Total Local Expenses	Total Benevolence	Grand Total
1	8,197	$ 3,775	$1,435	2,565	$2,729	$ 2,418	$ 962	$ 1,414	$ 2,082	$ 108	$ 316	$ 591	$ 2,745	$ 7	$1,414	$ 761	$ 1,542	$ 51,539	$15,795	$ 67,334
2	9,183	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,800	2,506	1,142	.....	4,194	.....	.....	.....	882	.....	1,311	30,993	20,606	57,598
3	5,031	3,841	1,626	1,638	328	539	3,395	1,534	1,897	386	8,169	539	315	60	1,249	2,017	4,538	50,522	26,264	76,786
4	4,897	2,266	2,171	561	233	755	371	2,860	2,779	1,633	468	183	500	980	603	1,947	.....	31,661	13,605	53,584
5	4,826	1,000	442	306	79	220	7,299	3,543	1,763	491	295	370	2,478	194	425	2,659	81	3,914	16,415	20,329
6	367	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	188	8	24	88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	805	308	1,113
7	2,240	3,074	817	971	2,256	.....	991	1,574	876	319	1,842	.....	410	209	170	25	2,727	36,300	9,367	50,167
8	842	400	70	193	18	74	64	477	185	23	153	.....	419	.. ....	77	40	148	7,371	1,522	8,893
	35,553	$14,425	$6,561	6,234	$5,643	$ 4,006	$ 15,070	$ 13,916	$ 10,748	$ 3,048	$15,437	$ 1,683	$ 6,867	$ 1,450	$4,820	$ 7,449	$10,347	$213,105	103,882	$335,804

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FRATERNAL DELEGATES

To General Synod—Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., with Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D., Alternate.

To General Council—Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., with Rev. L. A. Fox, D.D., Alternate.

Delegates to General Synod at Chicago, Ill.—Revs. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., W. Hoppe, D.D., M. J. Epting, D.D., J. A. Morehead, D.D., M. M. Kinard, D.D., Messrs. J. H. Rehder, and J. M. Rhodes.

Alternates: Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., R. L. Fritz, D.D., W. C. Davis, J. C. Peery, and Messrs. Jacob Umlauf and D. N. Akard.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL COUNCIL AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Revs. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., F. B. Clausen, J. C. Seegers, D.D., Edw. Fulenwider, Henderson N. Miller, Ph.D., with Messrs. J. H. Marsteller and J. E. Cooper. Alternates: Revs. L. A. Fox, D.D., J. W. Horine, D.D., T. B. Epting, E. C. Cronk, D.D., with Messrs. P. C. Price, Geo. Heyer, and John A. Cline.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Place—St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Roanoke, Va.

Time—Tuesday before the third Sunday in November, 1918.

Quadricentennial Meeting—Salisbury, N. C., about October 31, 1917.

Minutes of the United Synod

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the South

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South convened in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wilmington, N. C., and began the exercises of its Fifteenth Biennial Session on November 9, 1916, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Preparatory and Communion Services were conducted by Revs. S. T. Hallman, J. H. Harms, M. M. Kinard, and M. G. G. Scherer. The synodical sermon was preached by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer; subject, "Christ Face to Face with His Church." Text: "He came unto his own, and his own received him not (John 1:11). And they led Jesus away to the high priest (Mark 14:53). And they all condemned him to be guilty of death (Mark 14:64). And when they had bound him, they led him away and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor (Matt. 27:2). And when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified" (Matt. 27:26).

The Holy Communion was then administered to the members of Synod, to visiting ministers, and members of the Woman's Missionary Conference.

FIRST SESSION.

Thursday, November 9, 1916, 12 M.

The Synod was opened by the use of the prescribed form, and the clerical and lay delegates were enrolled.

No. 1.

Roll of Synod.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical—M. M. Kinard, D.D., A. G. Voigt, D.D., J. L. Morgan, C. A. Brown, W. H. Riser, B. S. Brown, J. F. Crigler, V. C. Ridenhour, G. H. L. Lingle and F. B. Clausen.

Lay—A. E. Waltman, A. M. Hanna, J. H. Rehder, W. F. Aberly, W. L. Kinney, A. H. Snider, J. R. Smith, Jas. D. Heilig, J. A. Cline and B. B. Miller, Esq.

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Clerical—C. K. Bell, D.D., W. A. Deaton, D.D., J. M. Senter, A. R. Beck, L. L. Lohr, D.D., D. I. Offman, R. L. Fritz, D.D., E. J. Sox, D. L. Miller, W. J. Finck, D.D., W. L. Darr, F. K. Roof, J. L. Cromer and W. A. Lutz, D.D.

Lay—J. M. Rhodes, M. F. P. Troutman, R. G. Rhyne, J. H. C. Huit, J. F. Campbell, (a), A. L. Bulwinkle, H. P. Lutz, A. L. Deal, Dr. C. O. Miller, E. M. Minnick, J. R. Rhodes, Hon. C. M. Efird, Dr. J. W. Eargle, (a), and R. Elmer Shealy.

(*a*)—Absent.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical—P. E. Monroe, C. A. Freed, D.D., Edw. Fulenwider, Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D., W. H. Greever, D.D., S. T. Hallman, D.D., J. H. Harms, D.D., Jas. D. Kinard, M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., J. C. Seegers, D.D., H. A. McCullough, M. O. J. Kreps, D.D.

Lay—Hon. Geo. B. Cromer, LL.D., R. F. Bowe, C. J. Kimball, Hon. J. D. Cappelmann, W. D. Houck, (a), Hon. Kenneth Baker, (a), A. H. Kohn, W. K. Shealy, E. F. Irick, Capt. J. W. Jenny, J. V. Sutton, and W. H. Heidenreich.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Clerical—Geo. S. Bowers, D.D., J. A. Morehead, D.D., I. D. Worman, J. A. Huffard, E. A. Repass, Ph.D., A. D. R. Hancher, J. J. Scherer, Jr.

Lay—J. E. Cooper, H. L. Snyder, W. T. Stauffer, Jacob Umlauf, S. T. Shank, R. G. Koiner, T. G. Rydingsvard.

SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Clerical—Geo. H. Rhodes, J. Luther Sieber, Henderson N. Miller Ph.D., L. A. Fox, D.D., E. H. Copenhaver, J. J. Scherer, D.D.

Lay—H. L. Bonham, J. H. Marsteller, A. B. Greiner, M.D., O. V. Hefner, G. B. Morehead, and A. P. Snider.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Clerical—W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., M. J. Epting, D.D., W. Hoppe, D.D., and T. W. Shealy.

Lay—J. R. Kesler, H. E. Dreeson, Hon. J. W. Reiser and Hon. A. B. Kieffer.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Clerical—W. C. Davis and H. A. Kistler.
Lay—J. M. Kinser, and J. F. Neas.

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

Clerical—T. B. Epting.
Lay—F. R. Epting.

The President read his report, which was received and referred to the Committee on President's Report.

No. 2.

President's Report.

Brethren, Representatives of the Synods in United Synod assembled, Greeting:

In the kind providence of God the United Synod now begins the opening session of its Fifteenth Convention. Surely this body has never assembled under conditions so strenuous and calling so loudly, solemnly, and impressively for heroic faith and for earnest unceasing prayer for divine guidance and help as those under which we are met today. We are living in the second decade of the twentieth century of the Christian era. All these centuries the Lord has been waiting for the carrying out of His commission, "Go ye, and make disciples of all nations;" all these nineteen hundred years the Church has sung its pæan of "Glory to God in the highest" and preached the Gospel of peace and good will among men: and yet today fully two-thirds of the population of the globe are not even professed followers of Jesus, and the flame of sickening war bursts out over the world as if the gates of hell had been thrown wide open. To dwell upon the conditions would be depressing and disheartening; yet we must look them squarely in the face in order that we may realize the solemnity of their meaning and bestir ourselves along with other Christians, in firm reliance upon Christ the Son of the Living God, to make vividly and undeniably true His promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail.

The times call, nay, God calls, by the extraordinary concurrence of events in the bosom of these times, for great searching of heart, especially among us Lutherans, and for courageous action.

LUTHERAN ACHIEVEMENT.

We are upon the eve of the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the Reformation. Four hundred years the Lu-

theran movement has had, not only to establish its leadership among the forces of Protestant Christianity, but also to carry the Gospel restored by the Reformation to the uttermost parts of the earth. What of its achievements?

In numbers it keeps well in the lead of the Protestant Churches; and that is a significant and cheering fact.

As regards its relative influence, power, and effectiveness as an agency for the realization of Christ's work in the world our most loyal hearts may properly question: but it is a great and many-sided question, one that cannot be answered offhand by a superficial comparison of externalities. We must take into account, as of first importance, the spiritual and invisible things of the Kingdom of God. Nevertheless our exaltation of the spiritual and invisible above the external and appearing should not be adopted and availed of as a mere subterfuge to escape an honest and conclusive study of the main question.

If taken out of the range of comparative investigation and studied in itself, as a cause of causes, the great Lutheran movement will give rise to many questions. Has it altogether justified its rise and its spirit, and proved its fidelity to the principles which it laid down in the beginning? Has it wrought effectively for the purifying, deepening, and enriching of Christian faith and for the elevation of moral ideals among those who have embraced it? Have its fruits been altogether what they should have been even when due allowance has been made for the human element in Church life? Have its own methods of work been faithfully received and diligently put into practice with such results as to leave nothing to be desired? In its close and unremitting attention to definition has it given due consideration to comprehension? In its battling valiantly for the truth has it been sufficiently careful of love?

Coming now to our United Synod; it behooves us to try, at least, to make clear to ourselves our own place and part in the great movement begun by Christ and His apostles, and to look well to our preparation for the part for which we are responsible. This is none the less our duty because we are a small people. Even the individual has his task: we of the United Synod are an army, and by no means an insignificant division of the much larger army of Lutherans in America. This effort at self-comprehension is all the more necessary in view of the crisis or turning-point to which world-history evidently has come. In every sphere of human activity those who stand today upon the frontier and look seriously and yet hopefully into the future display upon their banners the call to Preparedness and Efficiency. These are requirements which urge themselves upon our consideration; for without doubt we have reached, or soon will

reach, with all the world, a date which will be written down as the great turning-point between an age classified and labeled and an embryonic age. Are we ready for the new day, and for the new trial of faith and heart which it will bring? Is there naught that can be done and that ought to be done in the way of rendering our organization and our methods of working more effective? Are we doing all that we might do for the instruction of our people in the faith which we confess, and for the development of their loyalty and ready service of Christ and His Church? Have we among ourselves attained to that unity and decision in the faith which are necessary in order to secure full and steady concentration of effort for the accomplishment of our manifold task? Have our thoughts been large enough to give us sympathetic interest in the whole body and in all its parts and functions? Have we been attentive and studious to keep in rank with our own and to consolidate rather than disunite and weaken our forces? And finally, have we concerned ourselves as much as we ought about the divided state of the Churches which confess the same faith that we do and bear the same name?

THE WAR AND AFTER.

The catastrophic war, which had already startled the world when last we were in session, still rages on. Stopping our ears and closing our eyes for the present to the dim and horror of it, there are certain matters of a practical character which it suggests to the thoughtful, and which are well worthy of our consideration.

Already it has confronted the Lutherans of America with a problem with which, however deep an interest they may have felt in it, they have been ill prepared to deal effectively, chiefly because it was impossible, under existing conditions, to secure any organized and concerted action. We refer to the appeal which was made to the Lutherans of this country to aid in the care of the German missions in India during the continuance of the war.

Peace will bring other problems in the solution of which we, as Christians and as heirs and representatives of that type of religion which was restored to the world by the German Reformation, will have our part to bear.

One of the problems will be the rehabilitation of those countries which have been devastated by the contending armies, the relief of suffering humanity, and the assistance of the stricken peoples in their efforts to resume the ways of life and to build again, though amid ruins that cannot be restored.

Another will be the reestablishment of friendship among the nations of the earth and the building up of an international

comity that shall accord with, and be a practical exemplification of, the prinicples of the Christian religion.

Another will be the work of providing such international agreements, education, and Christianization, against the recurrence of such destructive and suicidal war.

Another will be that of publishing with redoubled energy, in all parts of the earth, the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the only power that can save from sin and ruin.

These and other problems of the utmost importance to mankind will engage the attention not only of statesmen but also of the Churches and Christian workers everywhere. It behooves us, therefore, to observe the signs of the times, and to be ready, when the hour comes, to do our part. It would seem desirable, at least, that some agency be created or designated to which shall be assigned the duty of noting and studying such problems, informing our people concerning them, and giving effect by voice and action to our desire in Christ's name to bring help and healing to the nations.

UNION MOVEMENTS.

Since the last convention of this body certain movements and events have taken place within the United Synod and in other Lutheran bodies in America which were of more than passing interest and significance; and which should not only be noted here but should also, at least, be borne in mind as indicating a pronounced trend of our times, and as probably foreshadowing an event to which God is leading us; namely, a united Lutheran Church.

The one movement of more than occasional significance which has marked the course of these two years in the United Synod, and which has been watched by us with deepest interest, is that looking to the consolidation of all the Lutherans in North Carolina who belong to the United Synod into one body.

An event of much importance as a sign of the times among Lutherans and as a practical manifestation and putting into effect of that desire for union which everywhere is felt and expressed by those of our name and faith is the action of the several Norwegian Synods. The United Norwegian Church, the Norwegian Synod, and the Hauge Synod have all voted favorably upon the Madison Agreement (Opgjoer), and it is now confidently expected that, at least, the first two of these bodies, if not all of them, will unite in the year 1917.

On the 14th of April, 1915, at Toledo, Ohio, there was a meeting of Presidents of a number of Synods for the purpose of considering the question of Lutheran federation. This meeting was

called by the Rev. C. H. L. Schuette, D.D., President of the Joint Synod of Ohio, and by authority of the said Synod. A Constitution was tentatively adopted, and a "preliminary executive committee" was appointed. This committee was instructed "to mail copies of the resolutions and the articles provisionally adopted by the Toledo meeting to the official head of every Lutheran Synod in the Country" for consideration. It was resolved to hold an initial meeting of the federation in 1917. The resolutions and articles have not been forwarded to me by the Executive Committee. The facts here stated are taken from an article found in the *American Lutheran Survey* of April 28, 1915, page 16.

On May 3rd and 4th, 1916, an inter-Synodical Conference was held at St. Paul, Minnesota, which adopted articles of agreement on the doctrine of predestination. These articles have been signed by two hundred and thirty-four pastors belonging to synods which have maintained the position of the Joint Synod of Ohio, and by three hundred and eleven who have held to that of the Missouri Synod. While the articles, so far as we are informed, have not yet been adopted by any synod, the adoption of them in conference by so large a number of pastors representing the two sides of the controversy, and the steps taken to secure discussion and action upon them in other conferences, are indicative of a very strong movement towards reconciliation and agreement in the faith which must be very gratifying to all Lutherans. (*American Lutheran Survey*, Aug. 23, 1916, p. 608; *The Lutheran*, Sept. 14, pp. 4 and 8.)

QUADRICENTENNIAL OF THE REFORMATION.

The year 1917 will be observed by Lutherans everywhere as the year which marks the quadricentennial of the Reformation. The Committee on Fraternal Cooperation will report the plans which have been worked out and adopted by the Joint Committee of the General Bodies with such suggestions as it may deem wise in the interest of the most profitable celebration of that great event within and by our United Synod. We deem it a matter of rejoicing that preparations for this celebration have brought together time and again large and representative committees from several of the General Bodies, and that these committees have labored together in a spirit of most fraternal cooperation, and have conjointly reached most gratifying results. Nor can we fail to note the significance of this instance of cooperation in its bearing upon the question of a possible larger and more comprehensive scheme of approximation and cooperation.

A very large body of Lutheran literature which will be of permanent value will appear in connection with this quadricen-

tennial. It will come out in diverse forms; as books, pamphlets and monographs, tracts, and articles printed in Church papers and other publications. It would seem that the United Synod could do nothing that would be more practical and bear richer fruit than to make or suggest provision for the introduction of this literature into the homes of all our people. It would be very profitable also if some effective plan were adopted to construct an index of the best books, sermons, essays, addresses, tracts, and articles, giving title, author, and medium of publication.

THE COMMON SERVICE BOOK.

We may safely say also that the next year (1917) will witness the publication and introduction of the Common Service Book into many Lutheran congregations of the several General Bodies which have cooperated in its production. The success which has crowned the labors of the Joint Committee, and the spirit which has characterized the work and made the results possible, furnish another striking example of fruitful cooperation, raise the hope of further progress in the direction of unification, and also strongly emphasize the practicability of endeavor toward that end.

LUTHERAN UNION.

The movements and events of our times in the political world, and in the ecclesiastical, all point in one direction. The mysterious hand is writing, if we can but read. The Lutheran Church in this county cannot, nay, it dare not longer delay to deal in all earnestness with this question of inner union. The time is past when we could complacently think of that confessional unity which prevails to a large extent among the General Bodies of Lutherans in this country as in itself sufficient; when we could without fear hesitate and draw back from the problem of dissolving all divisions among us, except such as may be necessary for the sake of wise and efficient administration, and of bringing all our forces together in peaceful and harmonious cooperation; in fine, when we could readily satisfy and justify ourselves before Christ and the world with anything short of a unity of fellowship in word and sacrament. The difficulties and dangers which lie in the way to such a unity should no longer deter. Haste in negotiations should be avoided, only so that we keep steadily at it until the end is attained. Much will have been accomplished, and great gain will be ours, so soon as we shall have made a good and true beginning.

It is recommended that the United Synod take such action, at this convention, (1) as will not only put it on record as heartily favoring all proper efforts for the attainment among Lutherans of a real unity of fellowship in word and sacrament; but (2) will also inaugurate prompt, energetic, and orderly procedure toward arranging for the holding of a conference, or series of conferences, to be composed of chosen representatives from such Lutheran bodies as will participate, the first conference to be held, if possible, in the year 1917, the ultimate aim always being Lutheran union in some form for some cooperative and constructive work.

SYNODICAL ADMINISTRATION.

Within the last few years a new and interesting development has appeared in the realm of synodical administration. One body of Lutherans in this country, the German Immanuel Synod, Independent, numbering 19,000 communicant members, has elected its presiding officer for a term of four years with the title of Bishop. Each district of this Synod also has such a bishop. Two large and influential synods of the General Council, namely, the venerable Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh Synod, have so reconstructed their constitutions as to provide for a President who shall devote his entire time to the service of the Synod in its organized activities, and have elected Presidents; the Pittsburgh Synod for a term of five years, and the Ministerium of Pennsylvania for a term of five years. These changes have been made in the interest of efficiency. The time may not be ripe for such changes among us; and yet the occurrence of them elsewhere, and the general recognition of the value of proper oversight, counsel, and help for the development of congregational life and activity may bring this matter of administration to the front at any time in one or more of our Synods. Efficiency, whereby the best results may be obtained in every department of our work, is much to be desired and sought after: at the same time it would seem desirable, in the interest of concerted progress along uniform lines throughout our borders, that there be an investigating agency whose function it shall be to inform the United Synod, from time to time, of such matters pertaining to the general subject of Church Polity as may present themselves and be deemed specially deserving of the Synod's consideration.

SUMMER RESORT FOR 1917.

Various considerations present themselves which suggest the desirability of a suitable resort for Lutherans, at least for the

summer of 1917. It would provide for an outing under congenial and wholesome surroundings; the several Boards and Committees might make profitable use of it; institutional work might be carried on, and lectures provided appropriate to the celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation. Mention is made of this matter in order that it might not escape the attention of the Synod. Whether it be practicable or not, it seems worthy, at least, of some consideration.

DEATH OF DR. HOLLAND.

As we look over the Synod we miss the face of one who has been present as a member of this body at every convention for nearly a quarter of a century. Reference is made to the late lamented Rev. Robert Christian Holland, D.D. Dr. Holland's name stood, for many years, as the synonym for the missionary interests of our Southern Church. His death on November 17, 1915, deprived the Board of Foreign Missions of its ever active and resourceful President, and the United Synod of a wise and trusted counsellor. It is suggested that this Synod take action to express in some suitable way its appreciation of the worth and work of this eminent servant of God and the Church who has now entered into his rest and reward.

The vacancy in the Board of Foreign Missions was filled, in accordance with the provisions of this body, by the appointment of the Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The official correspondence of your President during the biennium is herewith submitted. Some of this correspondence relates to the subject of Lutheran federation, and has informing value for the Commision on Federation. Some of it has the same sort of value for our Board of Home Missions. The rest is of a miscellaneous character. Certain letters are addressed to the Synod and should receive proper consideration. Of special importance are communications from the Rev. J. C. Kunzemann, D. D., and the Rev. Charles L. Fry, D.D., relative to Lutheran Mission Work in Latin America. This movement deserves the most careful and sympathetic consideration of this body.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

The tasks of the several Boards and Committees, their suggestions as to the best methods, and their estimates as to the necessary means, for the effective prosecution of their several charges, will be laid before this body in the official reports which

will be submitted. In this respect, therefore, there is no need that we anticipate them. It is needful only to suggest that we hold ourselves in a proper frame of mind to give due consideration to all interests severally in proportion to the importance of each in itself and in its relation to the work of the body as one; and that we be neither wanting in faith and courage nor ready to commit ourselves too far to the sweeping but not always fortunate tide of enthusiasm. Let every question be considered in an earnest, conscientious, statesmanlike manner by minds filled with the knowledge of God's word and hearts obedient to His will, and then let action be taken by this body without fear and nothing doubting that it has the sanction of the Holy Spirit.

CONCLUSION.

It is meet and right that we ascribe thanksgiving and praise to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for the grace, love, and peace which He has bestowed upon the Church and for the measure of success which He has granted to our labors for the promotion of His redemption and salvation among men. Whatever has been preserved to us amid the crumbling of the things that are shaken, it is He who has preserved it. Whatever has been well done, whatever has been done to the profit and advantage of the body in its manifold operations, it is God that worketh all in all. Even now, therefore, as of old, and as often in more propitious times, the Church may say: "Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name." Ps. 96:7f.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. SCHERER.

The Synod then adjourned to be convened at 2:30 p. m. today. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Morehead.

SECOND SESSION.

Thursday, November 9, 1916, 2:30 P. M.

The Synod reassembled and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. G. Voigt.

The election of officers was as follows:

Officers of Synod.

Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., President.
Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Vice President.
Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D., Secretary.

Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D.D., Statistical Secretary.
Mr. J. E. Cooper, Treasurer.

The reading of the Rules of Order was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Minutes of our last Convention were referred to Committee on Minutes.

The Treasurer read his report, which was referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Report.

No. 3.

Report of Treasurer.

J. E. Cooper, Treasurer, in Account with the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

Debits.

1914.			
Nov.	10.	Balance in treasury (p. 18, minutes 1914) ..	$ 584 98
	20.	Donation on expenses of Com. on Cooperation	20 65
Dec.	2.	Interest part F. P. Cover fund.....	9 44
1915.			
Feb.	17.	Balance semi-annual int. F. P. Cover fund ..	289 92
Mar.	24.	M. Coffman, Treas. Va. Synod.....	61 97
	24.	Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod..	23 31
Apr.	2.	Mrs. S. C. Swigert fund, Forest, Miss.....	2,000 00
July	26.	Borrowed to pay printing minutes.....	500 00
Aug.	7.	Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod..	7 06
	18.	Semi-annual int. F. P. Cover fund.....	300 00
	23.	J. M. Kinser, Treas. Holston Synod	18 53
Oct.	13.	H. E. Dreeson, Treas. Ga. Synod.....	18 81
Nov.	6.	H. E. Dreeson, Treas. Ga. Synod	8 28
	12.	M. Coffman, Treas. Va. Synod.....	61 97
	15.	J. D. Heilig, Treas. N. C. Synod.....	99 17
1916.			
Jan.	14.	Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Synod.....	10 59
Feb.	16.	Semi-annual int. F. P. Cover fund.....	300 00
Apr.	25.	Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod..	9 56
July	1.	A. H. Kohn, Treas. S. C. Synod.....	108 60
	24.	Int. on Mrs. S. C. Swigert fund to July 28..	160 00
Aug.	5.	J. D. Heilig, Treasurer N. C. Synod.....	99 17
	14.	Rev. E. J. Sox, Treasurer Tenn. Synod.....	100 00
	17.	Semi-annual int. F. P. Cover fund.....	300 00
	28.	Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod...	12 03
Sept.	5.	J. M. Kinser, Treas. Holston Synod	18 53
Oct.	14.	A. H. Kohn, Treasurer S. C. Synod.....	108 60

	20.	H. E. Dreeson, Treas. Ga. Synod.....	19 81
	27.	A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod.....	43 37
Nov.	2.	F. R. Epting, Treas. Miss. Synod.....	14 90
			$5,309 25

Credits.

1914.			
Nov.	13.	Rev. J. A. Morehead, expenses Quadri-Centennial Committee	36 50
	18.	Rev. W. H. Greever, expenses Delegate to General Council and Quadri-Centennial Com...	65 00
	18.	Rev. W. Hoppe, exp. Com. on Cooperation	35 00
	18.	Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses Committee on Cooperation	35 80
	18.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary, for stationery	3 50
	18.	Rev. H. A. McCullough, telegram per order of Synod	1 08
	18.	Rev. C. A. Freed, sexton's fee at Ebenezer, Columbia	5 00
	18.	Rev. H. A. McCullough, sexton's fee at St. Paul's church.....	5 00
	18.	Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, printing for Board of Education	6 00
	18.	Rev. George H. Cox, Statistical Secretary, salary	20 00
	18.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary, salary.....	50 00
Dec.	19.	Rev. J. H. Wannemacher, expenses Board of Education Committee	6 50
	19.	Dr. E. W. Peery, expenses Board of Education Committee	16 00
	19.	Rev. W. Hoppe, exp. Board of Education Com.	5 50
1915.			
Jan.	2.	Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, expenses Board of Education Committee	7 00
	2.	R. L. Bryan Company, binding 3 vols. Minutes	4 50
	8.	Lutheran Board of Publication, printing for Board of Education	3 70
	27.	Rev. E. C. Cronk, expenses Quad-Cent. Com.	30 50
	27.	Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses Book of Worship and Quad-Cent. Committees	54 12
	27.	Rev. H. A. McCullough, expenses Quad-Cent. Committee	47 30
			47 30
	27.	Rev. J. A. Morehead exp. Quad-Cent. Com.	20 00
Feb.	1.	Rev. W. H. Greever exp. Quad-Cent. Com.	47 30
	6.	Rev. W. Hoppe, exp. to Education Congress	20 00
	6.	Rev. W. Hoppe, exp. Quad-Cent. Committee	65 00

	17. Rev. J. A. Huffard, Int. F. P. Cover Fund..	29	93
	17. Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. Orphan Home, int. F. P. Cover Fund	269	43
Mar.	24. Rev. E. C. Cronk, expenses Music Committee Book of Worship	16	57
Apr.	29. Rev. A. G. Voigt, expenses Committee Book of Worship	27	00
	19. Rev. E. C. Cronk, expenses Book of Worship	20	55
June	10. Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses Committee Book of Worship	35	00
July	26. Board of Publication for printing and distributing Minutes	485	08
	27. Rev. E. C. Cronk, exp. Committee Book....	14	24
	28. George B. Cromer, attorney, Mrs. S. C. Swigert Fund for investment	2,000	00
Aug.	18. Ivan V. Yonce, Treas., int. F. P. Cover Fund	270	00
	18. Rev. J. A. Huffard, int. E. P. Cover Fund..	30	00
	23. Rev. J. A. Morehead, expenses Quad-Cent. Committee	15	20
Nov.	12. Rev. H. A. McCullough, expenses Committee on Sunday School Literature	40	25
	Rev. W. H. Greever, expenses Committee on Sunday School Literature	40	25
	Rev. M. M. Kinard, expenses delegate to General Synod	45	00
	15. Rev. W. Hoppe, expenses Committee on Graded Lessons	51	45
Dec.	2. Rev. R. L. Fritz, part expenses Delegate to General Council	23	00
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Feb.	16. Ivan V. Yonce, Treas., Int. F. P. Cover Fund	270	00
	16. Rev. J. A. Huffard, int. F. P. Cover Fund....	30	00
	25. Rev. R. L. Fritz, bal. exp. del. to Gen. Council	37	00
July	1. Rev. W. H. Greever, expenses Committee Sunday School Literature and Quad-Cent. Com	45	00
	1. Rev. H. A. McCullough, exp. Com. S. S. Lit.	39	00
Aug.	5. Rev. W. Hoppe, exp. Quad-Cent. Com.....	47	80
	5. Rev. J. A. Morehead, expenses Quad-Cent. Committee	25	00
	5. Int. to July 26 on $500 borrowed.....	30	00
	14. Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses Quad-Cent. Committee and Book of Worship.....	35	00
	14. Rev. W. Hoppe, expenses S. S. Lit. Com...	48	35
	14. Rev. J. A. Morehead, exp. meeting Executive Committee	12	65

	14.	Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses Ex. Com....	10 50
	14.	Rev. M. M. Kinard, expenses Ex. Com.....	2 00
	17.	Ivan V. Yonce, Treas., int. F. P. Cover Fund	270 00
	17.	Rev. J. A. Huffard, int. F. P. Cover Fund	30 00
Sept.	26.	Carl B. Caughman, int. from Mrs. S. C. Swigert Fund	160 00
Oct.	14.	Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses Committee Common Book	35 00
Nov.	2.	On principal of loan made	150 00
			$5,280 55
Nov.	4.	Cash balance in treasury	28 70
			$5,309 25

SUMMARY.

Debits.

Balance in Treasury	$ 584 98
Donation of Committee expenses	20 65
Mrs. S. C. Swigert Fund	2,000 00
Cash borrowed	500 00
Interest on Mrs. Swigert Fund	160 00
Interest F. P. Cover Fund	1,199 36
From Synodical Apportionments	844 26
	$5,309 25

Credits.

Expenses Committees	$1,157 33
Printing Minutes	485 08
Interest paid F. P. Cover Fund	1,199 36
Mrs. Swigert Fund (Invested)	2,000 00
Salaries and printing	98 78
Interest on loan	30 00
Beneficiary Education	160 00
Paid on loan	150 00
Cash on hand	28 70
	$5,309 25

ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

Statements of the amounts due this Treasury from the several District Synods for United Synod expenses have been regularly forwarded to the District Synod Treasurers. These statements included the balance reported due in 1914 minutes and the

assessment of 1 cent per capita for the years of 1915 and 1916.

Five of the District Synods have paid in full their assessments to this date. The following is a statement of the balances due this Treasury:

Tennessee Synod	$224 91
South Carolina Synod	54 30
Georgia Synod	33 30
Total	$312 51

SPECIAL FUNDS.

1. The F. P. Cover Fund of $10,000.00 remains invested by the Real Estate Loan and Guarantee Company of Charlotte, North Carolina, in mortgages upon real estate bearing 6 per cent interest. The interest for this biennium amounting to $1,199.36 has been regularly paid in February and August of each year. In compliance with the provisions of Mr. F. P. Cover's will, $1,079.43 has been paid to the Treasurer of our Orphan Home and $119.93 has been paid to Rev. J. A. Huffard, pastor of Ebenezer Church at Browntown, Virginia. The bonds and mortgages of this fund are submitted to the Committee on Treasurer's report.

2. The Mrs. S. C. Swigert $2,000 Beneficiary Education Fund was paid into this treasury April 2, 1915. On July 28, this fund was invested in a Newberry County Land Bond, bearing 8 per cent interest. This bond is also submitted for examination. One year's interest, viz.: $160 was received July 24th last. In accordance with the provisions of this bequest, and upon the recommendation of the members of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Synod, this $160 was on September 26, 1916, paid to Mr. Carl B. Caughman, a member of Providence Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Smith County, Mississippi. Mr. Caughman is a candidate for the ministry and is now in attendance upon Newberry College.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Convention were printed by our Board of Publication at a cost, including the expense of distribution, of $485.08. Because of the unusual expenses incurred during this biennium by the extra Committee work in which the United Synod has engaged, there were no funds available to pay this bill when due. With the consent of the President of the United Synod, the Treasurer borrowed $500 for this purpose. Interest on this

loan has been paid to July 26, and $150 of the principal has been paid since that date.

SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR UNITED SYNOD EXPENSES.

1. The unpaid assessments noted above.
2. The per capita assessment of 1 cent as provided by special action, last Minutes, page 101.
3. Royalty on sales Book of Worship from April 1, 1914, viz.: 3 per cent of selling price on all styles of binding.

J. E. COOPER.

The President announced that the pastors loci and the officers of Synod constituted the committee on devotional services.

On motion, a Press Committee was constituted to appoint reporters for the Charlotte *Observer*, the Charleston *News and Courier*, the Columbia *State*, and the city papers.

Committee—Revs. J. Luther Sieber, L. L. Lohr and T. B. Epting.

The Board of Foreign Missions reported. It was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missons, the resolutions appended to be considered with the Report.

No. 4.

Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

For the Biennium, October 15, 1914, to September 20, 1916.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

M. J. Epting, of the Georgia Synod.
M. O. J. Kreps, of the South Carolina Synod.
W. A. Deaton, of the Tennessee Synod.
M. M. Kinard, of the North Carolina Synod.
J. H. Murphy, of the Mississippi Synod.
J. M. Lichtenwagner, of the Holston Synod.
J. E. Cooper, of the Virginia Synod.
H. L. Bonham, of the Southwestern Virginia Synod.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Board are as follows:
Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., Savannah, Ga., *President.*
Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D., Salem, Va., *General Secretary.*
Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., Columbia, S. C., *Recording Secretary.*
Mr. John A. Cline, Concord, N. C. *Treasurer and Advisory Member of the Board.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This Committee consists of the officers of the Board and Mr. J. E. Cooper, and Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D.

THE DEATH OF THE BOARD'S PRESIDENT.

The United Synod and the Board of Foreign Missions suffered an irreparable loss, humanly speaking, in the death of the President of the Board, Rev. Robert C. Holland, D.D., which occurred in Columbia, S. C., November 17, 1915. He was born in Staunton, Virginia, April 30, 1843, was an alumnus of Roanoke College, served with distinguished fidelity in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, studied law at the University of Virginia but later entered the Gospel ministry of the Lutheran Church and soon rose to unusual prominence as a pulpit orator of the first rank, a faithful pastor, a judicious counsellor, a wise executive. After serving for many years as pastor of leading congregations in the Virginias and the Carolinas he was elected successively President of the Board of Missions and Church Extension (1904-1905), President and Missionary Superintendent of the same Board (1905-1908), and President and General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions (1908-1915), thus giving eleven years of conspicuous and successful service to the United Synod in the direct cause of missions.

Doctor Holland was an extraordinary man. A born leader, he was ever ready to accept the challenge of duty, undaunted by difficulties and unmoved by obstacles, always standing "four-square to every wind that blew," a man of ardent soul, of unfaltering faith, mighty in prayer, hopeful and persistent when others seemed to question and to quail, never for a moment doubtful of the issue in the great conflict. Often he saw the travail of his soul and was satisfied.

Under the leadership of Doctor Holland, supported by a devoted constituency, our work in Japan attained remarkable growth and expansion. In the opening of new stations, sending out additional missionaries, establishing educational institutions, erecting church, school and other buildings, and in planning and inaugurating women's work, thereby giving them a personal place and an active part in the mission program, he in humility and genuine self-forgetfulness built a monument in Japan that will abide until the end of time and become radiant with the glory of the Lord in the day of coronation.

Doctor Holland enjoyed the affection and confidence of the Church in the highest degree. A feeling of inexpressible sorrow was felt throughout the United Synod when it became known that he was on earth no more. From across the sea the Mission Conference in

Japan voiced their deep grief and keen sense of loss; the native Christians made known to us their sorrow and their sympathy and their esteem of him whom not having seen they loved; the Board adopted and published resolutions of tribute to their fallen chieftain; and it will be the privilege of the United Synod during this convention to take such action as will express its appreciation of the worth and service of him who for many years was the leading champion of its missionary activities. God calls His workmen from labor to eternal rest; but the work must go on to blessed consummation.

EFFORT TO RESUME WORK.

The Board was called together November 30, 1915, by the Recording Secretary, Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., and steps were taken to carry on the work temporarily. At a meeting held December 9th, the Board decided, after mature and prayerful consideration, to separate the office of General Secretary from that of President. Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., of Savannah, Ga., was elected President. The salary of the General Secretary was fixed at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars a year and all necessary traveling expenses. To this office Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D., senior missionary in Japan and entitled to furlough in 1916, was duly elected and called, "for the period of his furlough, with view to permanency." Doctor Brown accepted the call, arrived in America April 10th and entered at once upon the discharge of the duties of his office.

OUR FIELD.

The foreign mission field of the United Synod is limited to one field, the Empire of Japan, and to one Island in that empire, Kyushu. The population of our chosen field is now nearly 9,000,000, and the proportion of Christians of all denominations to the population, one in one thousand five hundred. There is no other territory of the United Synod that presents such a picture of appalling need and unappropriated opportunities.

OUR WORKING FORCE.

The missionaries now under appointment of our Board are as follows:

C. K. Lippard, D.D.----------Saga
Rev. A. J. Stirewalt----------Kumamoto
Rev. L. S. G. Miller----------Hakata
Rev. C. W. Hepner----------Omuta
Miss Martha B. Akard----------Hakata
Miss Mary Lou Bowers----------Hakata

Including wives the missionaries now under appointment are ten, which is one less than when the United Synod met in 1914.

MARRIAGE OF MISSIONARY.

In December, 1915, the Rev. C. W. Hepner was married to Miss Alma Muller, of Hamburg, Germany, the ceremony being performed in the city of Tokyo, Japan, according to the rites of our Lutheran Church. The Mission Board heartily congratulate Mr. Hepner and commend our new missionary, Mrs. Hepner, to the earnest prayers and affection of the people in our United Synod.

JAPANESE PASTORS, EVANGELISTS, AND OTHER WORKERS.

Rev. R. Yamanouchi.....Hakata
Rev. K. Takimoto.....Kumamoto
Evangelist Y. Kitakoga.....Hakata
Evangelist D. Honda.....Kumamoto
Evangelist T. Wasa.....Saga
Evangelist S. Washiyama.....Omuta
Evangelist K. Watanabe.....Omuta
Evangelist R. Ishimatsu.....Kanezaki
Misses Tanaka and Ishii, and Mrs. Yamanouchi.....Hakata
Mrs. T. Ogawa, Miss Eguchi.....Saga-Ogi
Mrs. M. Ogawa, Mrs. Nonaka.....Saga-Ogi
Mrs. Saito, Mrs. Shimamura.....Saga-Ogi

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

In June, 1915, three young men of the United Synod Mission graduated from the Theological Department of Kyushu Gakuin and are now engaged in evangelistic work. Those in the Seminary Department prosecuting their studies are: Messrs. Sakai, Hoskino and Takase.

Those in the Academic Department preparing for entrance to the Seminary are: Messrs. Harada, Inudsuka, Tsuru, Tanaha, Murota, and Hatanaka. To these must be added Miss Ogawa and Miss Otsuka, who are being trained in other schools for kindergarten or Bible work.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

During the year 1915, our Japanese Christians gave an average of $1.60 for local expenses per capita resident communicant membership. If the statistics of the last United Synod Minutes are for the single year 1914, the per capita contributions of the confirmed membership of this body for all local expenses was $4, or two and one-

half times greater than that of the Japanese. But if we remember that the per capita annual income of the Japanese is only $30, or five times less than our own, we are bound to give them credit, not for two and a half times less, but two and a half times more than ourselves. Remember, too, that the Christianity of Japan is only a half century old and the faith of our Lutheran Christians on an average not more than a decade, while we have behind us how many ages!

But the comparative poverty of the people of Japan and the great difficulty of evangelizing the nation will make financial assistance from the West very necessary for many years to come.

During the past biennium the churches of the United Synod contributed a grand total of $41,998.69 for the work in Japan, or an average of $20,999.34 per annum. Of this amount $3,785 was paid out for distinctively woman's work, and $3,278.59 for traveling expenses of missionaries on furlough. To the above must be added $14,207.60 which did not pass through the hands of the Board's Treasurer, contributed by the good people of Winchester ($4,000 by the Young Peoples' Society) and other churches in Virginia for the purchase of lots and the erection of buildings at *Hakata*. This sum includes $903 of the amount given by friends through *Tidings* for the Hakata kindergarten. Thus it will be found on calculation that our people have contributed to Japan forty cents per capita annually for the general work, and thirteen cents additional for property at Hakata. On apportionment as such they have given about twenty-seven cents per capita.

On September 20, 1916, when the Treasurer's books were closed, the indebtedness of the Board was $5,301,49, and the amount in the treasury, $3,268.56.

The regular monthly budget of expenses will now average approximately $1,700, or a grand total of $20,400 for the year. This includes the woman's work and the support of Kyushu Gakuin, but makes no provision for furlough, buildings and their repair, expansion, emergencies, interest on borrowed money, administration and printing. When it is recalled that during the past biennium two of our missionary families were in America for necessary medical treatment, and that a third returned on regular furlough; when we remember that for two years the work in Japan has been calling in vain for some little expansion in order that it may not go backward and parts of its perish, the United Synod will not find it hard to understand why the Board of Foreign Missions has insisted on the full apportionment, and failing to get this, found itself under the necessity to borrow and to retrench.

In view of this situation and the problem to be met during the next two years, the Board must ask for more substantial support.

The present apportionment cannot possibly be raised by the Board without the full cooperation of all our pastors and people. There are pastors and congregations enthusiastically active in behalf of the Japan cause, and there are individuals who are an inspiration. These pay more than their proportional share, but how many others are there who pay less!

The Japan Mission and this Board believe that the whole-hearted support of Kyushu Gakuin is vital to our mission work in Japan, but we would direct attention to the fact that when these buildings were placed on a nine acre compound and the doors were thrown open to over 500 young boys, the term *foreign missions* as heretofore used in the United Synod took on a new meaning. We must now clearly understand that our foreign mission enterprise includes also *Christian education, theological training, and beneficiary support.*

It is imperative that the plant at Kyushu Gakuin be completed in the near future, by additions to the dormitory and gymnasium originally planned, by the erection of a missionary home on or near the school compound, and by the provision of at least two small and inexpensive outbuildings to meet conditions in Japan and protect and preserve the more expensive structure. Moreover, unless the Church knowingly desires to continue a condition that can only bring annoyance and loss for the future, the school management should be instructed at once to secure for the school several small lots projecting into our compound which now contain objectionable buildings and offer opportunity for still more undesirable enterprise. We do not believe there is a school in the United Synod which would have tolerated some of the conditions Kyushu Gakuin has been forced to endure.

And what shall be done with the buildings already in service? Economy demanded that they be built of *wood*, not brick or stone. Every consideration demands that they be kept in repair. For two years the Mission in Japan has been asking for $500 for this specific purpose. But the Board has not the money.

And what attitude shall we assume toward the force of missionary and Japanese workers? In this day of days, when the counsels of the rulers of the earth less hostile to the Christian workers than ever before, and when the imagination of the people are less vain; when wrong prejudice has given place to awakened interest and false pride to a sense of need, is it a time to slacken our hand? Is the cry of the Christless two-thirds the earth met by a United Synod standard of only one cent per week? This is not a day when we may loosen our hold on Japan. The grip must be tightened and our position strengthened. Therefore this Board calls for more liberal consideration from our pastors and people,

and asks for the *payment* of an apportionment of $25,000 annually, which is only *one cent* per week.

THE WORK IN JAPAN.

Evangelistic. There has been no change in the territory occupied since the last report was written for the United Synod in 1914. This stationary condition is not dictated by lack of opportunity in Japan but by financial limitations placed in America. There has been a change, however, in the number of inquirers coming to be taught and in the number of those asking for baptism. The last report to this body gave twenty-seven as the average number of baptisms each year since our work began. The average for the two years since that report was written is 82. The number for 1913 was 18, for 1914 the number was 45, and 119 for 1915. Recent letters from both the missionaries and the Japanese workers indicate that the general condition for evangelistic work is most encouraging.

For details as to our various stations consult the minutes of the last United Synod.

2. *Educational.* The prosperity of Kyushu Gakuin continues. Attention is called to the number of applicants and admissions since the first opening April, 1911:

Opening Date.	*Applicants.*	*Admissions.*
April, 1911	217	122
April, 1912	214	95
April, 1913	130	123
April, 1914	230	114
April, 1915	261	136
April, 1916	242	131

Up to April, 1916, twenty per cent. of the student body had been baptized since entering school and sixty per cent. had become active inquirers. Forty per cent. of the first graduating class in March, 1916, was Christian and there was no known hostility among the others.

In June, 1915, the first class of five boys graduated from the Theological Department. All of them are now in the active work, three with the United Synod and two with the Danish Mission. Eight young men are now in training—three from the United Synod, four from the Danish Mission, and one independent. Six others from the United Synod Mission are preparing for entrance.

The cost of Kyushu Gakuin to the United Synod Board for current annual expenses is $5,000. The General Council Board

contributes in addition $2,500. All other current expenses are paid from the returns of tuition, which total for the year about $6,300.

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Reference to the Board's report to United Synod in 1910 (page 65) will reveal a series of Articles called the Mission Shadan (Association of Missionaries), organized by direction of this Board under the laws of Japan for holding all our mission property. All United Synod property in Japan is registered in the name of that association. In 1914 a new law of the Government was promulgated, relating to property qualifications of all schools, known as *Semmon Gakko* or Special Schools. According to this law the Government will not recognize any Special School which does not organize a Board of Trustees with an endowment whose income at five per cent. is equal to one-tenth the current expenses of the school. All theological schools come under this head. Without Government recognition our young men over twenty-one years of age would be subject to conscription before completion of the Seminary course. Because we wished recognition as a *Semmon Gakko* for the standing it would give the school and its graduates, and also because we desired to legally fix responsibility for the school's government, now that the foundations had been laid and a complete organization effected, the following Articles were drawn up and presented to the Japanese Government early in the present year. These were finally accepted in July last. To satisfy the law pertaining to endowment, the mission home and lot in Kumamoto were transferred from the Association of Missionaries to the Board of Trustees of Kyushu Gakuin. But as the personnel of the Board of Trustees was intentionally made the same as that of the Association, the whole transaction was one of mere form and does not in any way change actual conditions from what they were before.

KYUSHU GAKUIN ZAIDAN HOJIN DEED OF TRUST.

Article 1.

This Hojin (Legal Person) shall be styled *Kyushu Gakuin Zaidan Hojin.*

Article 2.

The object of the Hojin is the establishment and maintenance of Kyushu Gakuin for the carrying on of common higher education upon Christian principles; and, especially in the Theological Department, for the training of men for the Christian ministry, in accordance with the conditions set forth in the following Article.

Article 3.

Kyushu Gakuin established and maintained by the Hojin, shall always be a Christian institution; and its Standard of Doctrine shall be the fundamental principles of the Lutheran Church as set forth in the first Twenty-one Articles of the Augsburg Confession.

Article 4.

The office of the Hojin is located at No. 388 Shinyashiki, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto Ken.

Article 5.

The property of the Hojin is of two general classes:

1. a) The movable and the immovable property described in the list of property accompanying this Deed of Trust.

b) Annual grants of Yen $8000.00 from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United Synod South, U. S. America.

c) Land, buildings, donations of money, and other kinds of property which may be given to the institution in accordance with this Deed of Trust.

Endowment which consists of:

2. a) Yen-500.00 which was donated by C. L. Brown to establish the *Zaidan*.

b) A city lot of 274 tsubo of land and estimated at a value of Yen-560.00 which is held for support of the theological department at 5 per cent. interest.

c) City home containing 91 tsubo downstairs and 51 tsubo upstairs and estimated at Yen-3400.00 which is held for support of the theological department.

d) All other gifts given according to Article 5, Item 3, and designated as endowment.

None of the property held as endowment shall be rented or sold without the approval of the proper government authorities. But the approval of the government authorities is not necessary in case the *Zaidan* be dissolved and disposition made of the property, as provided for in Articles 14 and 15.

Article 6.

The number of Trustees shall be not less than three and not more than ten, and they shall be elected from the Association of Missionaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, United Synod, South, U. S. A., in Japan.

The first persons thus to become members of the Hojin after the recognition of this Deed of Trust (by the Department of Education) shall be the following: C. L. Brown, C. K. Lippard, A. J. Stirewalt, L. S. G. Miller, C. W. Hepner.

Article 7.

The term of office of a Trustee shall continue so long as he is a regular member of the Association of Missionaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, United Synod, South, U. S. A., in Japan.

When through death, resignation or any other cause a vacancy occurs among the Trustees, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the provisions in paragraph one in Article 6.

Article 8

A two-thirds vote of all the Trustees shall be necessary to enable the Hojin to sell, transfer, mortgage, or take any other measure affecting its title to the whole or a part of the real estate belonging to it; and this provision shall apply to valuable personal property also.

(The distinction here is bewteen land and buildings on the one hand and equipment and like valuables on the other).

Article 9.

Excepting in the case of funds to be expended within a month, gifts of funds received by the Hojin shall be deposited in some safe bank or invested in trustworthy bonds; and the interest so derived shall be added to the principal without any delay beyond that occasioned by the regulations of the bank or the terms of the bonds.

Article 10.

The Hojin shall have a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Secretary and the Treasurer need not themselves be regular members of the Hojin.

The President shall preside at the meetings of the Hojin and shall represent the Hojin.

The Secretary shall attend to the ordinary business of the Hojin; keep the minutes of the Hojin and also any other records; and shall prepare reports for presentation to the Hojin.

The Treasurer shall receive, disburse and keep account of funds; and shall prepare financial reports.

Article 11.

The Hojin shall hold at least one stated meeting during every year. When the time and place of meeting have not been determined by the Hojin itself, they shall be determined by the President in consultation with the Secretary.

Notice of the time and place shall be given five days before the day of meeting.

As stated meetings of the Hojin, when not otherwise provided for in this Deed of Trust, a majority of the members shall form a quorum, and a majority of those present shall decide questions. Absent members may vote by letter.

Special meetings of the Hojin may be called at the discretion of the President.

When a special meeting is called, the same procedure and law of decision shall obtain as in the case of stated meetings.

Article 12.

It is the right and duty of the Hojin to manage Kyushu Gakuin.

Article 13.

The rights and duties of the Hojin in managing Kyushu Gakuin are the following:

1. The appointment and removal of the President, and all other officers of the institution. For the appointment or removal of the President a two-thirds vote of the entire Hojin is necessary.

2. The appointment and removal of teachers and the assignment of their subjects. For the appointment of a professor in the Theological Department, and for the removal of any professor, a two-thirds vote of the entire Hojin is necessary. Absent members may vote by letter.

3. The fixing of the amount of salaries of all teachers and others who receive their salaries from the institution.

4. Decision upon the budget and Treasurer's report; oversight of all the financies; and the preparation and preservation of annual reports.

5. The superintendence of the Faculties of the several Departments.

6. Decision upon all other matters that may be provided for in this Deed of Trust.

7. Decision upon all other important matters pertaining to the administration of Kyushu Gakuin.

Article 14.

The Hojin may be dissolved by a three-fourths vote of all the Trustees at a meeting specially called for that purpose.

Article 15.

If the Hojin be dissolved the last Trustees shall dispose of the property in accordance with the following stipulations:—such disposition to be made in accordance with Article 11:

1. The Board of Trustees may transfer the title to the Property to one or more incorporated Christian schools as described in Article 3, which shall hold and manage the property for the carrying on of Christian education for young men or young women.

2. In case there be no Hojin which meets the above condition, the Board of Trustees shall sell the property or make an estimate of its value, and shall return the proceeds of the sale or the property itself to the original donors, either bodies or individuals, or to their successors, proportionately to the amount received from them.

Article 16.

With the sanction of the proper authorities, this Deed of Trust, excepting Articles 2, 3, and 14, may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all the Trustees at a meeting specially called for that purpose. Absent members may vote by letter.

KYUSHU GAKUIN ZAIDAN HOJIN LIST OF PROPERTY.

Yen

500.00—Donation by C. L. Brown, to establish the *Zaidan*. (The above is simply to conform to the legal procedure in establishing a *Zaidan*. Government gave assurance that they would ask no questions as to where money is deposited, etc. All that is necessary is to hypothecate the above sum, and in calculating the income of school each year to include a sum of interest from this Y. 500.00 rated at 5 per cent.)

	Tsubo	
29744.01—School land ----------	11136	
72.00—School land ----------	36	
5600.00—City lot ----------	374	Held for sup. Theo. Dept. Rated 5 per cent. int.
27000.00—Main Building ------	254	Down-stairs
	204.5	Upstairs

11000.00—Science Hall	138.5	Down-stairs
	90	Upstairs
7000.00—Gymnasium and hallway	180.2.5	
26000.00—Dormitory and Dining hall	492.7.5	Down-stairs
	164	Upstairs
2000.00—Dwelling	40.5	Downstairs
	11	Upstairs
2500.00—Dwelling	58.7.5	
600.00—Infirmary	15.5	
1000.00—Theo. Dormitory	31.7.5	
3400.00—City home	91	Down-stairs held for sup. Theo. Dept.
	51	Upstairs held for Theo. Dept.

NEW BUILDINGS.

The year 1916 has witnessed the completion of two new buildings in Japan, a home for the missionary in charge and a good chapel, both at Hakata. The chapel, constructed of brick and costing $4,000, is the gift of the Young People's Society, Winchester. The chapel is well planned and marks a long step forward. The Board desire again to express great satisfaction and appreciation of the continued activity of the Winchester congregation in behalf of the Japan cause. The mission home is built of wood and covered with stucco. The cost was $3,000. The home and lot and also the chapel lot were paid from the fund collected by Rev. L. S. G. Miller among the churches in Virginia during the period of his furlough. The Board is deeply grateful to all the friends in Virginia for making possible this important addition to the Mission plant.

POSTPONEMENT OF KYUSHU GAKUIN CHAPEL.

The Board and the Mission are keenly disappointed over the delay in building the chapel for Kyushu Gakuin. It had been decided to use reinforced concrete instead of brick or wood in construction, because solid brick was too expensive and wood was too doubtful and unadvisable in a building of this character and proportions, and in the end less economical. Unfortunately while final negotiations were pending with the Board and supporters in America, the cost of necessary steel bars and other materials suddenly advanced from 25 per cent to 50 per cent, thus increasing the total cost of the chapel approximately $1,000. As the financial resources for chapel construction had been drawn upon to the limit in an effort

to secure a reinforced concrete structure, the Mission and the Board were unable to advance farther. Moreover, the steel men refused to guarantee at that time, the delivery of steel bars in less than six or eight months. The good people of the Church of the Ascension, Savannah, have been most patient throughout all these delays. The Board assure them that, though the immediate future does not offer a satisfactory solution to the financial problems, everything possible will be done to hasten the construction of this greatly needed building. In the meantime the money already remitted to Japan is on deposit, drawing interest at 5 per cent and 7 per cent.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The Woman's Societies in the United Synod, and the Young People's missionary organizations of the North and South Carolina Synods are loyally supporting the efforts of the two young ladies in Japan, Miss Akard and Miss Bowers, and this they are doing in addition to pledges made previous to the commissioning of the lady missionaries. The Board wish to express sincere appreciation of the enthusiastic support that comes from the women of the Church.

Miss Akard and Miss Bowers have removed from the Japanese language school at Tokyo where they spent one and a half years in study, and after another year and a half of useful service in Saga, have recently moved to Hakata. Both have made excellent progress in the use of the Japanese language and in adapting themselves to the ways of Japan. They already find much more work than they can do visiting the homes of the people, teaching in the kindergartens and Sunday schools, holding mothers' meetings, teaching Bible classes and doing many other things as representatives of the Gospel in a non-Christian land.

SPECIAL GIFTS—ANNUITIES AND BEQUESTS.

1. *Theological Property.* When the school land for Kyushu Gakuin was first bought, a lot one fourth acre in size projecting into the main body of land was omitted from the purchase through lack of funds. This plot of ground was so necessary to the work of the school that friends of the cause arranged for the purchase until such time as the Board might find itself able to make the payment. In the meantime the small Japanese house on the lot has been used as a dormitory for theological students. Owing to delay in the erection of a theological hall generously offered by the people of St. Paul's, Wilmington, the school has found it absolutely necessary to make addition to the present Japanese home costing $600, in order to provide accommodations for the theological boys until the hall donated by St. Paul's is realized. The value of the theological

property, including the above repairs, is $2,000. A long-standing "friend" of the Japan work desires to make the theological property herein described a gift to the Board, but owing to financial obligations already assumed cannot act immediately. Therefore an option is taken on the above property and interest at 6 per cent. is paid on the total of $2,000 until such time as this generous "friend" finds it possible to claim the option.

2. *Natural History Equipment.* Mr. J. F. Kaiser, of New Brookland, S. C., and his good wife are interested students of our Japan Mission. After making careful inquiry into the condition of Kyushu Gakuin these good people decided to pay into the Board's treasury the cost of equipment in the department of Natural History, estimated at $650. These friends deserve the highest commendation for this generous contribution.

3. The Japan cause has loyal and consistent friends in Dr. and Mrs. C. B. King, of Charlotte, N. C. For years they have shown deep personal interest toward the missionaries and their work, and have been frequent and liberal givers. But now again in this time of need Dr. and Mrs. King are willing to make even greater sacrifices and have recently declared their purpose to give to the Board the sum of $2,000. The Board will take great pleasure in applying this gift to some definite object in Japan in keeping with the desires of Dr. and Mrs. King.

4. A liberal friend in Virginia, well known throughout the Church for his love for the Master and his loyal support of every good cause, placed with Dr. Holland early in October, 1915, the sum of $2,500 for the use of the Board in its work in Japan. This is an annuity, for which the Board is to pay six per cent. interest per annum during the life of the donor.

5. Mr. A. A. Gnann, an earnest advocate and substantial supporter of foreign missions, departed this life triumphant in the faith at his home in Rincon, Ga., during the year 1915. In his will Mr. Gnann provided that after certain specific bequests "all the residue of my property both real and personal and cash be equally divided among my six children (naming them) and the Japan Mission School equally." Of this bequest the sum of $320 has already been paid by the executor to the Treasurer of the Board and applied as directed by the testator.

6. Miss Ada V. Miller, of New Market, Va., had subscribed to a $1,000 annuity bond bearing interest at six per cent. annum, but during the present biennium, in order to encourage the workers for Japan, Miss Miller has canceled her bond and converted the same into a generous gift of $1,000 and accumulated interest for the Board.

This is not the first gift Miss Miller has made to Japan. The accounts of the Board will show her name, at different times, opposite various amounts ranging from $10 to $500.

7. During the biennium Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Lorick, of Richland county, S. C., mention of whose annuity of $500 was made in the last report, passed to their reward. The bond executed by the Board has been canceled and surrendered.

Truly these are generous responses to the call of need, and the Board would express its deep gratitude for the kind consideration it has received at the hands of these servants of the Kingdom.

PRESSING NEEDS.

We mention only those needs that are definite and insistent, omitting the chapel and theological hall because these, though not built, are already promised to the school.

1. *The Completion of the School Dormitory,* to cost 10,000. Through failure to complete the dormitory the Church is daily losing religious opportunity, and placing a handicap on the work of the school.

2. *The Purchase of Several Small Lots* which lie between our school compound and the main road on either side the front entrance. The school needs the ground and the lots are a menace to the school's future welfare. The amount of land involved is less than two acres and would cost approximately $10,000. The testimony from Japan is that every Mission school that failed to round out its campus and provide necessary building space in the early days of its history has suffered serious loss in after years. One such school is even new seeking land at $50 per *tsubo* (six feet square), while the land that Kyushu Gakuin ought to buy can now be had on an average at $7.50 per *tsubo.* Five years from now we shall likely have to pay at least $15 for the same land, just as we could not now buy for $2.50 per *tsubo* the main body of the school compound which cost us six years ago only $1.18.

3. *Payment of Indebtedness on the School Gymnasium.* Originally the gymnasium was only half built, expansion to be made according to growth of student body. Delay in chapel construction forced the gymnasium expansion earlier than had been intended, because of absolute lack of any place for students' assemblies, such as commencement, special religious exercises, and similar meetings. The necessity was so apparent that the Japanese building contractor agreed to complete the gymnasium and wait three years for payment. The money will be due, $2,150 in amount, in September 1917.

4. *A Home on or Near the School Compound as Residence for One of the Missionaries.* This plea has been put forth for years, but without response. In the interest of Christian work and for the welfare of the school this need is so great that we cannot agree to be silent.

5. *A Home for the Lady Missionaries,* to cost $4,000. This is mentioned more by way of official endorsement than as a request, for the Woman's Societies have already agreed to attempt the raising of this fund, in a way not to conflict with other pressing needs as a quadri-centennial offering to the work.

6. *Water Tank as Protection Against Fire.* The school buildings are of wood. Though covered in large part by insurance we have no desire to suffer the inconvenience that would result from fire. There is no water system in the city of Kumamoto.

A good tank that would act as a protection and at the same time be of the greatest service to the school in the daily water supply can be built in Japan for $350.

7. A serious need on the school compound is a *seito hikaishitsu,* a cheap structure which might be classed in this country as a waiting room. Its use in Japan is to afford a shelter for the students before and between classes when, for protection of the building the students cannot be allowed to remain in their class-rooms. This building can be provided for $1,000.

8. *Fireproof Safe.* Important deeds to property and other documents have accumulated in the past decade. The Mission has no place where these can be deposited with any degree of safety. For years we have needed a good fireproof safe and it would seem foolish to allow this need to go unsupplied. The safe can be bought in Japan for about $200.

9. *The Supreme Need.* In connection with these specific needs, and of even greater importance, is the supreme need of united prayer and generous cooperation on the part of the whole membership of our Church that more men and women may be sent to the field, more Japanese workers trained for service, more chapels rented or built for the preaching of the Gospel. This in preparation for the ingathering that is sure to come. We will be poor stewards of the Kingdom if we allow a condition to arise in Japan such as obtains in parts of India today, where the force is inadequate for training even those seeking entrance to the Christian Church.

OUTLOOK.

The work in Japan is fraught with serious and great difficulties. We are handicapped by a small supporting constituency at home and by smallness of our force in Japan. We have lacked numbers,

literature and prestige. However, any close observer can readily see that the work of the Japan Mission has made very commendable progress in the last ten years. Basing our estimate on the conditions of the past we may declare with deep conviction that a hopeful future awaits us if we are willing to loyally support the work so auspiciously begun. All readers of missionary literature now know that the Christian forces in Japan are more encouraged today than since 1890. From a thousand sources the Gospel leaven is being introduced to Japanese society and is creating a general condition more and more favorable to our efforts. We do not believe anything can rob us of an honorable future except apathy and unbelief in the home churches.

APPRECIATION.

The Board would acknowledge the many courtesies extended us by the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*, without whose assistance it would be most difficult to uphold the Japan cause. Nor do we forget the encouragement offered by those loyal friends who are, as individuals and groups of individuals, ever ready to assist in a time of great difficulty. We extend congratulations to the Laymen's Missionary Movement for the lifting up of a high ideal in Christian service and giving, and express our appreciation to the management for their cooperation in behalf of world evangelization.

Special thanks are due the Board of Publication for their very great kindness in offering to the Foreign Mission Board an office in the Publication Building free of rent, and also to the Lutheran Survey Company for permitting the Board's property to remain intact in the Survey Building free of cost until the transfer shall have been made to the new office.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Board submits for the consideration of the United Synod the following recommendations:

1. That the United Synod, in order to prevent any retrenchment in Japan and to insure if possible, normal growth in the work of the Mission, apportion among the several District Synods the sum of $25,000 annually, during the next biennium, exclusive of the distinctively woman's work supported by the women and the erection of new buildings not already provided for in whole or in part.

2. That the United Synod authorize a campaign to raise $50,000 as our Quadricentennial contribution to foreign missions and in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Japan Mission,

said fund to be called the Robert C. Holland Memorial Fund and to be applied:

a) To the liquidation of all outstanding indebtedness of the Board.

b) To the erection of necessary new buildings for the school and for the general work.

c) To other serious needs of the work in the judgment of the Board requiring immediate attention.

3. That Epiphany season be designated especially as Foreign Mission Festival to be observed in all our congregations, and that "April Japan Day" be recognized as the season for special emphasis and study in our Sunday schools in behalf of the mission cause in Japan.

Very respectfully submitted,
M. J. EPTING,
M. O. J. KREPS,
W. A. DEATON,
J. E. COOPER,
M. M. KINARD,
J. M. LICHTENWANGER,
J. H. MURPHY,
H. L. BONHAM.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 15, 1914, to September 20, 1916.

John A. Cline, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Oct. 15. To balance	$ 2,615 47
To amount from all sources	*46,998 69
	$49,614 16

CR.

Salary to Rev. C. L. Brown	$ 3,337 85
Salary to Rev C. K. Lippard	3,369 12
Salary to Rev. A. J. Stirewalt	2,895 86
Salary to Rev. L. S. G. Miller	2,647 56
Salary to Rev. C. W. Hepner	1,891 64
Incidentals (evangelists' salaries, rents, general work)	8,100 00
Support of Japan School	9,582 70
Salary to Dr. R. C. Holland	1,616 67

Salary to Mrs. R. C. Holland	100 00
Administration expense (travel, etc.)	466 67
Salary for two women missionaries	2,666 52
For support of Kindergarten	840 00
Special for women missionaries	945 00
Stamps, printing, etc.	542 55
Interest Account	964 03
German Missions	146 72
Transportation Rev. Miller	974 69
Expenses of Rev. Lippard	1,015 90
Salary to Treasurer of Board	200 00
Cash returned by Rev. Lippard	902 12
Missionary Education Movement	35 70
Transportation Rev. and Mrs. Brown	1,288 00
Student Support	382 75
Expansion Theological dormitory	600 00
Front wall and entrance to Kyushu Gakuin	350 00
Mite boxes	39 64
Special to Hakata	50 00
Maps	20 00
Cablegrams	7 39
For services Dr. Hay	173 48
Checks returned	192 16
1916	
Sept. 20. By balance on hand	3,268 56
	$ 49,614 16

*Total receipts include borrowed money and contributions outside United Synod, amounting to $5,000.

JAPAN SCHOOL

1914.	Dr.	
Oct. 15, To Balance on hand	$712 47	
1915.	Cr.	
June 25, By Am't to Foreign Mission Account		$712 47
	$712 47	712 47

CHAPEL FUND.

Dr.

To Am't from all sources, as raised by Dr. Holland's campaign **$ 2,877 67**

Cr.

By Am't expenses part of Campaign	$ 49 10	
By Am't loaned Foreign Mission Account	1,302 12	
1916.		
Sept. 25, By amount on hand	1,526 45	
	$ 2,877 67	2,877 67

John A. Cline, Treasurer Board.

We, the Committee appointed to audit the accounts of Mr. John A. Cline, Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, have examined the same and find them in all respects correct and eminently satisfactory in form.

W. H. Greever,
M. O. J. Kreps.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

ASSETS:

Cash in Treasury Sept. 20, 1916	$ 3,268 56	
1 Annuity Bond bearing 6 per cent int.	4,000 00	
1 Annuity Bond bearing 6 per cent int.	2,500 00	
I Pledge payable on or before Sept. 1, 1917	2,000 00	
Balance due from Setzler heirs for Ogi Memorial	714 00	$12,482 56

LIABILITIES:

Loans and other debts prior to Dec. 9, 1915:		
1 Note in bank	$ 1,500 00	
1 Note in bank	1,000 00	
1 Note in Library fund of Theological Seminary	550 00	
Uncalled for salary of former President	466 67	
1 Personal note	400 00	
Deficit in Kyushu Gakuin budget, 1914*	350 00	
Held in trust for Newberry Conference, Saga home	300 00	
Interest on Chapel fund, Church of the Ascension	$ 208 00	
	$4,774 67	

Loans since Dec. 9, 1915:
1 Note, without interest:
For improvements, Kyushu Gakuin† $950 00

For payment of note, Dr. Lippard	325 12	1,302 12	$6,076 79
*Of this sum the Council's Board has agreed to pay		175 00	
†Of this sum $600 is covered by "A Friend" who will pay interest at 6 per cent. until the principal is discharged		600 00	
Prospective assets, reducing liabilities			775 00
Total actual liabilities,			$5,301 79
Total net liabilities Sept. 20, 1916			2,033 23

Note 1. The annuity money has long been invested in mission work and is not an available asset.

Note 2. The sum of $5,000 was remitted to Japan during the biennium in favor chapel construction and is now held in bank awaiting favorable time for entrance upon work.

HAKATA FUND.

J. E. Cooper, Treasurer Hakata Fund in account with Board of Foreign Missions.

	Dr.
Received within territory of the Virginia Synod	$ 3,084 23
Young People's Society, Grace church, Winchester, Va.	3,600 00
Bequest of Mrs. Charlotte E. Lupton, Winchester, Va.	1,746 63
Bequest of Miss Sarah Glaize, Winchester, Va.	500 00
Within territory of the Southwest Va. Synod	3,500 64
Within territory of the Va. Conference, Tenn Synod	744 40
Miss Lottie L. Wyse, Treasurer Hakata Kindergarten Fund (3 remittances)	903 00
Interest received on Bank deposits	128 70
Total cash received	$ 14,207 60

1914.	Cr.	
Printing subscription blanks and certificates		$ 5 00
Expenses Rev. L. S. G. Miller, less mileage returned		14 08
Cabled Rev. L. S. G. Miller for lot		4,000 00
Cable expenses		21 28
Cabled Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D.		4,000 00
Cable expenses		15 96
N. Y. Draft to Rev. L. S. G. Miller		5,850 00
Cash in Treasurer's hands		301 28
Total		$ 14,207 60

The Young People's Society of Grace church, Winchester, had previously sent over $400 for the Hakata Chapel, making their total contribution for that purpose, $4,000.

Unpaid Subscriptions.

Within Virginia Synod territory	$	115 13
Within Southwest Virginia Synod territory		698 75
Within Virginia Conference Tennessee Synod		13 00
Total	$	826 88

J. E. COOPER, Treasurer of Hakata Fund.

(The following revised scale of salaries and allowances for missionaries is the result of negotiations between General Council and the United Synod Board extending over two years. With slight exception the scale has been in force since 1914. Agreement between the two Boards has been reached on all points except Item 2 (last sentence) and (c) of Item 4.)

SALARY AND ALLOWANCES.

1. The necessary and economical expenses of the direct voyage to the mission field, including expenses for freight, shall be paid by the Board. An itemized account of all these expenses shall be sent to the Board by the missionary, as soon as possible after reaching the field, and any balance in his hands shall be turned into the mission treasury. Any additional cost of longer or more expensive routes or of intentional delay on the way, must be borne by the missionary.

2. Each missionary shall receive the sum of $100 as outfit money on first going to the mission. When accompanied by his wife he shall receive the sum of $200. Two-thirds of this amount shall be allowed upon each return to the mission field.

3. Each unmarried missionary shall receive an annual salary according to the following scale: First five years $800; next five years $900; afterwards to the end of service $1,000.

Each married missionary shall receive an annual salary according to the following scale: First five years $1,200; next five years, $1,300; and afterwards to the end of service $1,500.

Each woman missionary shall receive an annual salary according to the following scale: First five years $700; and afterwards to the end of service $800. In case a woman missionary is obliged to live alone she shall receive during such time at the rate of $100 per year in addition to her regular salary.

The full salary shall commence on the day of the missionary's arrival on the field and shall cease on the day he leaves the field, when furlough salary shall begin for such as are on regular furlough or leave of absence. Full salary, however, shall be paid during the furlough period while the missionary is employed under the direction of the Board. Furlough salary shall be rated at three-fourths the full salary.

4. The salary above stated is designed to cover all expenses of the missionary and his family except the following allowances:

a.) A dwelling for the missionary and his family. This rule shall apply also to the missionary on furlough when deemed necessary by the Board.

b). The sum of $250 as a maximum is granted each married missionary, and $150 as a maximum for each unmarried missionary for heavy furniture which shall remain the property of the Mission.

c). The sum of $100 yearly is granted, if needed, for teacher's allowance. (The Mission shall determine when teacher's allowance is to cease.)

d.) The sum of $25 yearly while on the field is granted each adult missionary as a vacation allowance, and $10 additional for each child over five years of age. The maximum vacation allowance for a missionary family, however, shall be $75.

e). The missionary's income tax and other unavoidable taxes are allowed.

f). Actual traveling expenses are allowed while in the service on the field or while visiting the churches at home under the direction of the Board.

g). Official postage is allowed.

h.) The repair of unavoidable wear and tear to the property which is supplied for the missionary's use is allowed.

i.) The expense of the insurance of mission furniture to the amount of its cost value is allowed.

j). Children's allowance is granted as follows: From 1st to 6th year, $50; 7th to 12th year, $100; 13th to 21st year, $150. These increases are allowed only for the purpose of the education of the missionaries' children. If a child marries the allowance ceases. Children's allowance shall ordinarily be continued during furlough or leave of absence. The maximum children's allowance for any one family is $500.

No. 5.

Submitted by the Board of Foreign Missions.

1. *Resolved,* That it is the sense of the retiring Board that the Board of Foreign Missions should be constituted hereafter

purely with reference to efficiency, without regard to district synodical representation.

2. *Resolved,* That the United Synod be requested hereby to construe its former action concerning the ordination of Japanese candidates for the ministry.

The Board of Home Missions submitted its report, which was received and referred to Committee on Home Missions.

No. 6.

Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South offers the following report:

The Board as organized is composed of the following: The Rev. V. Y. Boozer, President; the Rev. Prof. J. C. Seegers, Vice President; the Rev. Chas. K. Bell, Secretary; Mr. J. H. Rehder, of Wilmington, N. C., Treasurer; the Rev. A. D. R. Hancher; the Rev. H. A. McCullough, and B. B. Miller, Esq.

Nine meetings of your Board have been held, at which there has been a uniformly good attendance, and a summary statement of the work of the biennium is herewith presented.

MISSION WORK CONTINUED

Greenville, S. C.—This Mission has made most commendable progress under the leadership of Pastor C. L. Miller. The basement of the church building has been completed and furnished, and is being used for Sunday school and church services. Plans have already been begun for the completion of the sanctuary proper. There remains an indebtedness of $9,000 on this property which is valued at $30,000.

Spartanburg, S. C.—Under the pastoral care of the Rev. Dr. S. T. Hallman, this Mission has secured a house and lot immediately in the rear of the church building, at a cost of $1,400, which is to be used for parish and Sunday school purposes as the need may arise.

Greensboro, N. C.—The prolonged illness of the late pastor, Rev. J. E. Shenk, seriously interfered with the work of this mission during the summer and fall of 1915. The resignation, followed soon by the death of Pastor Shenk, caused a vacancy of six months. Supply service was given for two months by Student F. B. Lingle, of our Seminary, when Rev. E. L. Folk assumed pastoral charge, July 15th, 1916. The way in which the new pastor has taken hold of the work gives promise that it will be conducted in harmony with the expectations of the church.

Kannapolis, N. C.—The Kannapolis Mission has made unprecedented growth in numbers through Pastor G. H. C. Park's untiring energy and faithfulness. He is securing funds from that congregation and

the churches of the North Carolina Synod for the purpose of building a $7,000 church edifice.

Lenoir, N. C.—The former pastor, the Rev. J. F. Deal, relinquished this work in the Spring of 1915, and Student A. M. Huffman, of our Seminary, supplied during the summer. On October 1, 1915, the Rev. W. J. Roof assumed charge. This Mission has recently secured parsonage property valued at $3,000. The condition of the work is encouraging and commendable progress is being made.

Gastonia, N. C.—The pastor is Rev. J. C. Dietz. During the biennium, the church at Bessemer City, with the consent of this Board, was placed in a pastorate with the church at Gastonia. Pastor Dietz has been doing faithful and efficient work in this progressive and rapidly developing industrial section.

Macon, Ga.—The Rev. Paul C. Weber is the pastor. The congregation here has secured a well located lot, with a temporary chapel upon it at a cost of $3,750. The young pastor here has confidence in the future development of the work in this important city, and should have the fullest support and encouragement of the Church.

Lakeland, Fla.—The work in this field has gone on without interruption during the biennium, under the faithful leadership of Pastor W. E. Pugh. A parsonage has been built during the past year.

St. Petersburg, Fla.—The Rev. John Hall continues to minister to this Mission. Owing to the conditions existing in Florida, the growth of our work there, as elsewhere in the State, is unavoidably slow. Nevertheless, the Board's judgment is that Florida offers a promising field for our Church in the future.

Birmingham, Ala.—On May 1, 1915, the Rev. E. H. Copenhaver resigned this work, and on June 1, 1915, the Rev. W. P. Cline, Jr., assumed pastoral care. This is the largest city in which your Board is operating, and calls for immediate and intensive work. The situation there has received the most serious consideration of your Board, and at the last meeting of the Board it was determined to lessen the burden of debt resting upon the Mission by making a loan to the congregation of $5,000 for three years without interest, from the Permanent Loan Fund, for the purpose of satisfying the mortgage held by Mr. J. R. Meek. To further facilitate the development of this work, your Board also determined to open negotiations with the Board of English Home Missions of the General Council with the view of ascertaining the possibility of securing the cooperation of that Board in the State of Alabama as suggested in the action of the General Council at Buffalo in 1907, viz., "*Resolved,* That the action of the Home Mission Board in the matter of work in the Southern States be approved, and that the Board be instructed to go forward with the work, and with the further view of ascertaining the feasibility of said General Council Board cooperating with us in the work now being conducted in the city of Birmingham."

Pastor Cline is doing commendale work under conditions both adverse and perplexing.

Jackson, Miss.—The Rev. T. B. Epting has been in charge of this Mission in connection with his general work as Field Missionary in

the State of Mississippi. At a cost of $7,500, church and parsonage were purchased. This property has been improved materially and has enhanced in value. Through improvments made on the interior of the church building, our congregation here has a commodious and churchly edifice in which to worship.

Lingle, Miss.—This Mission, consisting of two small congregations, is one of the rural fields which the Board has felt constrained to continue to assist. The Rev. A. W. Ballentine has been faithful in his ministry to these people.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—The Rev. L. B. Spracher, who was in charge of this Mission at the opening of the biennium, died suddenly on January 5, 1915. In his departure, the mission work of the Church has lost an earnest and capable worker. His successor, the Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer, took pastoral oversight May 18, 1915, since when the Mission has made very commendable progress. Through the efforts of this congrégation, assisted by the congregations of the Holston Synod, a building fund of $5,000, is being raised, of which amount $1,160 has been received. The Board regards this as a strategic point in the extension of our Church in the South.

Morristown, Tenn.—The Rev. J. G. Graichen was the pastor here at the opening of the biennium, and continued so until the summer of 1915, since which time the Mission has been vacant, though repeated efforts have been made to secure a pastor. With the consent of the Board, the Holston Synod has substituted Newport for Greeneville in the pastorate, said Synod agreeing to care for the work at Greeneville.

Bristol, Tenn.—Since the resignation of the Rev. E. L. Ritchie, Jan. 1, 1915, repeated efforts have been made to secure a pastor, but without success.

Portsmouth, Va.—The pastor is the Rev. W. A. Craun. Through the continued interest and generosity of Mr. J. E. Cooper of Winchester, Va., this Mission has not only been provided with a suitable place of Worship since 1910, but also provision has been made for the better material equipment of the Mission.

Bluefield-Graham Pastorate.—The Rev. K. Y. Umberger relinquished the work here February 28, 1915, and was succeeded by the Rev. J. B. Moose, April 1, 1915.

January 1, 1916, the Bluefield congregation declared itself self-sustaining, and petitioned the Southwestern Virginia Synod to constitute it a separate pastorate. This request was granted, and Graham, therefore, was received as a Mission jointly supported by the Southwestern Virginia Synod and this Board. Efforts are being made to secure a pastor for Graham, Va.

The pastor and people at Bluefield are to be congratulated upon reaching the goal of self-support, and the Board expresses the hope that there will be a number of our missions attaining sufficient strength

to declare themselves independent of financial aid in the coming biennium.

CHURCH EXTENSION

The following loans have been made by the Board during the biennium from the Permanent Loan Fund, upon mortgage, personal endorsements or other adequate securities:

Mission.	Amount of Loan.	Term of Loan.	Without Interest.
Greenville, S. C.....	$1,500	1 Year	On Indebtedness
Lenoir, N. C.....	800	1 Year	For Parsonage
Macon, Ga.....	1,500	3 Year	On Church Property
Lakeland, Fla.....	1,000	2 Year	On Parsonage
Jackson, Miss.....	1,500	3 Year	On Church Property
Virginia Heights, Va.....	1,500	3 Year	On Church Building.
Raleigh, N. C.....	280	1 Year	On Indebtedness
Holy Trinity, Charlotte, N. C..	1,400	3 Year	On Church Lot

Repayment of loans was made during the biennium on the account of the following points:

Greenville, S. C.	$ 800
St. Petersburg, Fla.	250
Spencer, N. C.	175
Raleigh, N. C.	1,500

For further specific and detailed information concerning our Missions, a tabulated exhibit is herewith given, covering the biennium, and is made a part of our report.

EXHIBIT OF WORK FOR BIENNIUM

LOCATION.	ON OCTOBER 1, 1914.					ON OCTOBER 1, 1916.					GAIN.		LOSS.	
	Members	Property	Estimated value	Indebtedness	Appropriation for Pastor's Support	Members	Property	Estimated value	Indebtedness	Appropriation for Pastor's Support	In Members	In Property	In Members	In Property
Greenville, S. C.	75	Church & Parsonage	$ 27000	$11000	$ 450	110	Church & Parsonage	$ 30000	$ 9000	$ 410	35	$ 3000		
Spartanburg, S. C.	55	Church	12000	.....	180	53	Church & Parish House	15000	700	162	....	3000	2	
Gastonia, Bessemer City, N. C.	155	Churches	16800	255	250	185	Churches	16800	255	150	30	.....	....	....
Lenoir, N. C.	34	Church	4500	.....	400	47	Church & Parsonage	7500	2300	400	13	3000	....	....
Kannapolis, N. C.	29		.....	.....	200	126	Lot & Fund for Church	3500	.....	200	97	3500	....	....
Greensboro, N. C.	108	Church & Parsonage	20000	6300	600	110	Church & Parsonage	20000	6100	540	2	.....	....	....
Portsmouth, Va.	79	Church	2500	.....	700	80	Church	2500	.....	675	1	.....	....	....
Bluefield, W. Va., *	80	Lot	4000	.....	164	95	Church & Parsonage	25000	4200	.....	15	21000	....	....
Graham, Va., *	65	Church	5000	1050	100	67	Church	5000	1050	200	2	.....	....	....
Bristol Pastorate, Tenn.,	270	Churches	15000	.....	150	293	Churches	15000	.....	150	23	.....	....	....
Chattanooga, Tenn.,	33		.....	.....	500	53		†1160	.....	400	20	1160	....	....
Morristown-Greeneville, Tenn.	88	Churches	5000	.....	300	88	Churches	5000	.....	300	....	.....	....	....
Jackson, Miss.,	27		.....	.....	800	33	Church & Parsonage	20000	6500	800	6	20000	....	....
Lingle Pastorate, Miss.,	166	Churches & Parsge.	2450	.....	120	162	Churches & Parsonage	3150	.....	108	....	700	4	....
Birmingham, Ala.,	74	Church Property	15000	12500	600	69	Church Property	15000	12500	350	....	.....	5	....
Macon, Ga.,	35		.....	.....	500	30	Church Property	3750	3250	600	....	3750	5	....
Lakeland, Fla.,	42	Church	5500	.....	100	38	Church & Parsonage	8500	3108	100	....	3000	4	....
St. Petersburg, Fla.,	41	Church & Parsonage	12200	.....	100	58	Church & Parsonage	12200	4625	100	17	.....	....	....
Total	1456		$146950	$31105	$6214	1697		$209060	$53588	$5645	261	$62110	20	....

*Bluefield and Graham were served by the same pastor until January 1, 1916, when Bluefield became self-supporting.
†Cash in hand for church lot.

PROSPECTIVE FIELDS

The following are regarded by your Board as prospective fields for missionary enterprise:

Hendersonville, N. C.
East Charlotte, N. C.
Jacksonville, Fla.
Montgomery, Ala.
Tampa, Fla.
Hopewell, Va.
Rock Hill, S. C.

ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY FOR THE BIENNIUM

During the biennium the General Secretary has been active in visiting churches, missionary conventions, and district synods, delivering Home Mission sermons and addresses and at the same time soliciting subscriptions to the Permanent Loan Fund for Church Extension. In doing this work he has traveled 50,000 miles, delivered 400 sermons and addresses, raised for the "Old Guard Fund" $15,000 in cash and pledges, and aided our missionaries in raising $4,000 on the field.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. It is a cause of great gratification to us that we are able to report that the receipts of your Board during the biennium have been increased materially, so that the above work has been prosecuted and all the outsiding obligations of your Board have been met, except the balance of the promised gift to the Birmingham Mission.

2. A bond for the Treasurer, amounting to $3,000, has been carried throughout the biennium.

3. The following leaflets were published and distributed: "Stop the Leaks," "The Old Guard," "Appalling Facts and Startling Figures," "Three Calls and One Answer."

4. Coin receptacles for the use of Children's Missionary Societies have been provided, your Board bearing one-half cost of the same, on condition that onehalf the money raised by this method be devoted to the use of the Board.

5. Owing to the increasing demands made upon the time, energy and means of the President in the administration of the affairs of your Board, an appropriation of $100 per annum was made to cover all expenses of the President incident to the discharge of the duties of his office.

6. The salary of the General Secretary of your Board was fixed at $1,500 per annum, no provision being made for house rent.

7. On March 15, 1915, an informal conference was held in Roanoke, Va., with your Board of Foreign Missions, at which the following action was taken: (a). It was agreed that, in the use of the columns of the *Lutheran Church Visitor,* the two Boards should have due

regard for the causes of the respective Boards during the seasons of the Church Year designated for their presentation by the United Synod; (b) That the United Synod be requested to fix Septuagesima Sunday as the day on which the claims of the Gospel Ministry be urged by our pastors.

8. In connection with your Foreign Mission Board, we endorsed the plans suggested by the Laymen's Missionary Movement, looking toward the contribution of the income of one day from the membership of the Church as a special thank offering for the cause of Missions during the year 1917. To perfect the details of the said plan, a committee of two was appointed by this Board to cooperate with a similar committee from your Foreign Mission Board and the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

9. After having heard a representative of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Conference, your Board recommended: (a) That all funds contributd by the Women's Societies for the Home Mission Work of the Board be placed in the general fund; (b) That the funds secured by the Woman's Conference through the contributions of the Children's Missionary Societies be appropriated, during the next biennium, to the work at Birmingham; (c) The Board also concurred in the suggestion that the Woman's Conference appoint an Auxiliary Committee to help carry out the plans of the Home Mission Board.

10. A special Home Mission service for the Reformation season was prepared and published each year of the biennium by order of the Board for use in the Sunday schools.

11. Your Board calls attention to its resolution following: "That this Board of Home Missions and Church Extension disapproves of the transference by congregations and their officers of moneys from the Benevolence Fund to the Current Expense Fund."

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

1. Through the generous interest of the Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Beck of Dallas, N. C., the Board has come into possession of property located at Lexington, North Carolina, valued at $250.

2. The Board has received from the estate of Mrs. Charlotte E. Lupton, Winchester, Va., by bequest, the sum of $1,782.68, and the same has been applied as follows: $1,500 to the Permanent Loan Fund and $282.68 to the General Fund.

It is with peculiar pleasure that we report these two items under this head, believing that it is a sign of deeper interest in the cause of Home Missions, and one that presages well for the future.

The work of the biennium has presented many perplexing problems and your Board has endeavored to deal with each one with fairness and candor. The limited amount available for our use, a little less than half the apportionment asked, has prevented the extension of our

mission activities, and made it impossible to grant help in numerous cases which presented strong and urgent appeals. Close acquaintance with the needs and prospects of our field in the South impels your Board to urge upon the Church the imperative necessity of making more adequate provision both for caring for our dispersed Lutheran people, and also for bringing the means of grace to bear vitally upon the life of the great mass of people who are outside the Church.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In order to execute efficiently the work placed upon your Board it recommends that the sum of $25,000 per annum be apportioned to the District Synods for this purpose.

2. In order that the "Unification Plan," adopted by the various District Synods, may become operative, we recommend that the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, in conjunction with a representative from each District Synod involved, formulate the details under which the Missions of the said District Synods shall be transferred to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod, and adopt rules and regulations governing the conduct of the work upon the territory of the said District Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Y. BOOZER,
C. K. BELL,
J. H. REHDER,
J. C. SEEGERS,
A. D. R. HANCHER,
H. A. McCULLOUGH,
B. B. MILLER.

REPORT OF J. H. REHDER, TREASURER OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

October 1, 1914-October 1, 1916.

Receipts Account of Home Missions.

Cash on hand October 1, 1914	$ 1,152 95
Virginia Synod	2,525 53
Woman' Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Va. Synod	40 18
Southwestern Virginia Synod	966 85
Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Southwestern Virginia Synod	489 89
Tennessee Synod	2,010 24
Holston Synod	369 29
Georgia Synod	2,004 43
North Carolina Synod	3,441 90

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, North Carolina Synod	1,279 65
South Carolina Synod	3,476 54
Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary South Carolina Synod	212 00
Mississippi Synod	61 01
Cash collections by Dr. R. S. Patterson	211 76
Interest from American Nat. Bank, Wilmington, N. C.	156 18
Interest from Wilmington Savings and Trust Co.	30 00
Interest from Bluefield, W. Va.	30 00
Special cash for Birmingham Fund	811 18
Federation of Y. P. Society, S. C., for Jackson, Miss.	221 00
Bequest from Mrs. Charlotte E. Lupton	282 68
Cash received for Dr. R. S. Patterson's expenses	26 46
Rev. J. C. Dietz, refund salary	4 17
	$19,803 89

Home Missions Disbursements.

October 1, 1914-1916.

S. W. Virginia Synod Missions	$ 358 88
North Carolina Synod Missions	1,202 40
Tennessee Synod Missions	1,080 88
Holston Synod Missions	975 08
South Carolina Synod Missions	1,176 22
Georgia Synod Missions	2,179 75
Virginia Synod Missions	1,383 82
Mississippi Synod Missions	1,755 21
Mrs. A. E. Bernheim, interest on annuity, four payments	360 00
Dr. G. D. Bernheim, interest on annuity	60 00
Expenses of Board and Synod meetings	310 21
Interest on Richmond, Va., Loan	480 00
Greenville, South Carolina, Mission	21 00
President of Board for expenses, etc.,	143 75
Treasurer of Board, postage, stationery, etc.,	17 50
Lutheran Board of Publication, Home Mission Services	188 08
Lutheran Board of Publication, printing tracts, etc.,	317 87
R. L. Bryan Co., stationery	26 40
Fred Larkins, for Birmingham Mission	30 00
U. S. Fidelity Co., Treasurer's bond	15 00
Raleigh Bank, interest on $3,000 loan	135 60
Rev. L. L. Lohr, expenses preparing services	6 24
Mrs. E. C. Cronk, one-half cost Children's Missionary boxes	39 64
J. C. Deaton, registering Spencer mortgage	1 50
Dr. R. S. Patterson, General Secretary, salary	3,000 00
Dr. R. S. Patterson, General Secretary, traveling expenses	425 67

Wachovia Bank, Spencer, North Carolina, loan		2,500 00
Amount used by Church Extension work		3,319 27
Cash on hand (balance)		902 76
		$19,803 89

Receipts Account of Church Extension.

Virginia Synod		1,747 98
Southwestern Virginia Synod		922 40
Tennessee Synod		108 50
Georgia Synod		225 33
South Carolina Synod		1,002 40
Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, S. C. Synod		250 00
Mississippi Synod		4 75
Total	$ 4,261 36	
Amount received from Home Mission account	3,319 27	
		$ 7,580 63

Disbursements Account Church Extension.

October 1, 1914-1916.

Wachovia Bank, for note to Birmingham Mission		2,500 00
Wachovia Bank, interest on note		25 00
American National Bank, interest on Raleigh and Birmingham Loans		155 63
J. W. Minor, interest on Birmingham notes		1,200 00
Raleigh Savings and Trust Co., balance due on Raleigh church lot		3,700 00
		$ 7,580 63

Permanent Loan Fund.

October 1, 1914-1916.

Balance on hand	$ 1,126 26	
Total receipts from all sources	13,019 60	$14,145 86

Disbursements.

(Amount Loaned.)

Jackson, Miss.	$ 1,500 00	
Greenville, S. C.	1,500 00	
Lakeland, Fla.	1,000 00	
Macon, Ga.	1,500 00	
	$ 5,500 00	
Amount cash on hand	8,645 86	$14,145 86

Full Statement of Permanent Loan.

October 1, 1916.

Spencer, N. C.	825 00
Greenville, S. C.	1,700 00
St. Peterburgs, Fla.	750 00
Raleigh, N. C.	280 00
Macon, Ga.	1,500 00
Bluefield, W. Va.	1,000 00
Jackson, Miss.	1,500 00
Lakeland, Fla.	1,000 00
Total	$ 8,555 00
Cash on hand	8,645 86
Total Permanent Loan Fund	$17,200 86

Grand Total of Receipts.

Home Missions	$19,803 89
Church Extension	4,261 36
Permanent Loan	14,145 86
	$38,211 11

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

To the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

We, your committee, appointed to audit the books of Mr. J. H. Rehder, Treasurer, beg to report that we have examined the books and find them well kept and correct.

Signed,

C. W. POLVOGT,
E. FRED BANCK.

Wilmington, N. C., October 2, 1916.

The Board of Education reported. Referred to Committee on Board of Education, *except* the part referring to Elizabeth College and the Virginia Synod and Southwestern Virginia Synod. A special committee was appointed to report on these papers, as follows: Revs. Geo. S. Bowers, J. L. Sieber, Messrs. Geo. B. Cromer, J. A. Cline and J. V. Sutton.

No. 7.

Report of the Board of Education.

As briefly as is consistent with thoroughness, your Board of Education would present its report regarding the Literary Institutions on our territory and of its transactions during the biennium.

The Theological Seminary, as the property of the United Synod, reports through its Board and to its report we would refer.

Roanoke College has finished the biennium in good financial condition. The work has been so encouraging as to induce the authorities to undertake the raising of $100,000 as a special Jubilee offering for the purpose of increasing the endowment and adding to the equipment of the College. Both the Virginia and the Southwestern Virginia Synods have given the movement their heartiest endorsement, pledging themselves to exert every energy to accomplish a successful issue. A chapel and Science Hall are the buildings contemplated. From the catalogues it is seen that 205 students were in attendance during 1914-1915 and 187 during 1915-1916.

Newberry College has also weathered the financial storms in fine shape. The president reports that progress is being made in the effort to raise $150,000 as a Jubilee fund. Space does not permit the inclusion of all the interesting data furnished. It may be well, however, to state that the College now requires 14 units for entrance. It is furnished as never before for efficient work. During 1914-1915 there were 200 students and during this past year, 1915-1916, 222.

Lenoir College in order to grant teacher's certificates to its graduates has added a department of Education with a full professorship. Unlike the two colleges mentioned above it is projecting a Jubilee fund, but has made great strides toward its realization. More than a fourth of the $100,000 to be raised is already in hand. The terible floods of July have hampered the College in this work and in the canvass for students. During both the years 1914-1915 and 1915-1916 the number of students has been the same, 270.

Mount Amoena Seminary, this old school for girls, continues to do good work in its quiet way. It reports 83 students for 1914-1915 and 75 for 1915-1916.

Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute is unique among the educational schools of the Church and is meeting with excellent results. Its boys usually complete their course at some College, it being a Junior College, and a goodly number find their way into the

ministry. With its military discipline it has special facilities for training the boys. It is deserving of more liberal support. In 1914-1915 its students numbered 75, and in 1915-1916 there were 71.

Elizabeth College (formerly Roanoke Woman's College) is striving after the highest place attainable among Women's Colleges and is putting forth every effort to deserve the support of the whole Church in the South. Since the last meeting of the United Synod important changes have taken place. Two institutions, Elizabeth College and Roanoke Woman's College, have been amalgamated into one school at Salem, Va. By the union it is hoped that it will be possible to maintain a school of high and accepted standard. The college has been officially recognized and registered as a "standard" college, enforcing standard requirements for entrance and graduation. The attendance has been gratifying. In 1914-1915 there were 121 students and in 1915-1916 there were 111.

Summerland College is the young and lusty daughter of the South Carolina Synod. Its progress each year is most marked. Already it has outgrown its present buildings and is compelled to look for larger accommodations to house its student body. In 1914-1915 there were 76 girls attending this school and in 1915-1916 there were 82.

Shenandoah Institute is located at New Market, Va., and is an academy for younger persons who are not able to attend Grammar and High schools. It is doing a good work and filling a long-felt want. In 1915-1916 47 young people availed themselves of this opportunity.

Betheden Institute at Betheden, Miss., is a similar school but your Board was unable to secure any information about it.

Marion College reports two good years. Since commencement a new president has taken hold of this work. In 1914-1915 it reports a student body of 132 and for 1915-1916 one of 122.

A number of interesting data might be added about one or the other of the schools, but as it was not possible to secure all about each one the record would be incomplete.

Soon after the meeting of the United Synod in Columbia, S. C., the Board met for organization. The officers elected for the biennium were: President, W. Hoppe; Vice President, Dr. George B. Cromer; Secretary, Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, D.D.; Treasurer, Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D. The Board has held three meetings, two at Columbia, S. C., and one at Newberry, S. C. As Mr. J. H. Rehder, who had been elected to the Board, found that he could not serve, the Board filled the vacancy by the election of Prof. E. S. Dreher. After the death of Pastor J. H. Wannemacher, the Board elected Rev. L. L. Lohr, D.D., to the

unexpired term. At the meeting of the Board in October, 1915, it was resolved, in connection with the General Synod and the General Council, to apply for membership in the Council of Church Boards of Education. Following the instructions of the United Synod preparations were made for the observance of Education Sunday in both years. Although a larger number of schools observed the day this year than last, yet their number is appreciably small. The income of the Board has been extremely meager, preventing the Board from doing a larger work.

Two Educational Conferences with the representatives of our institutions were held, in 1915 at Mont Amoena, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., and the other at Newberry College, Newberry, S. C. The attendance and active participation of the presidents, professors and directors at these conferences have been a source of much encouragement to the Board. A spirit of comity and cooperation is being fostered as never before. As indicative of this spirit attention is called to the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:

"*Resolved,* That the Board of Education be requested to ask the Boards of Trustees of our several Church Schools to appoint representatives to confer and cooperate with the Board of Education in an effort to form plans to be recommended to the United Synod for a better correlation and coordination of our educational work."

Another resolution of the last Conference deserves notice:

"*Resolved,* That this Conference express its deep interest in the proposed nation-wide campaign for the better support of Church institutions and requests our Board of Education to cooperate in this movement and exercise its good offices in keeping the matter effectually before our people."

It requested the Board to arrange for a Conference next year.

At its meeting in June, 21, 1916, the Board of Education received a communication from the President of Elizabeth College, which is appended hereto. Regarding this overture this action was taken:

"Whereas, a communication has been received from the trustees of Elizabeth College and Conservatory of Music offering the College to the United Synod for ownership and control, on terms and conditions which accompany this report of the Board of Education:

"*Resolved,* That, while the Board of Education recognizes with gratification the high standard of Elizabeth College and the desirability of a system of schools and colleges for Lutheran girls, including at least one College of high grade, the financial problems involved and the attitude of the United Synod to the

colleges of the District Synods are such as that the Board of Education deems it wise to submit the offer of Elizabeth College to the United Synod for consideration."

In order that the Board of Education may carry on its work efficiently and effectively it will need the support and aid of the whole Church. At this time when nearly all of our institutions are making special efforts at raising money the Board should be able to come to their assistance by furnishing them with such literature as would arouse our people as never before. Such literature is needed in turning the thoughts of our boys and girls to the schools of their own Church. In a small way this is being begun, but it will be fruitless unless sufficient means are given the Board to carry on this work. For this reason the Board of Education respectfully requests of the United Synod:

1. That the sum of one cent per member be apportioned the Synods for the work of the Board of Education each year.

2. That the United Synod reaffirm its resolution regarding the last Sunday in May of each year as Education Sunday, on which day special sermons on education should be preached, services held with the Bible schools and offerings taken to meet the above apportionment.

By resolution of the Board the various District Synods were visited in the interest of Education Sunday and favorable action was taken looking to a wider observance of the day.

The Secretary of the Board, after serving since the creation of the Board, resigned at the June meeting, having moved beyond the bounds of the United Synod. As this meeting of the United Synod was so close at hand the Board did not fill the vacancy.

The Treasurer's report is subjoined to this.

Respectfully submitted,

W. HOPPE.
L. L. LOHR,
GEO. B. CROMER,
JOHN W. HORINE,
E. W. PEERY,
E. S. DREHER.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

By cash for the year 1915	$186 03	
By cash for the year 1916	216 31	$402 34

Disbursements.

To printing for the year 1915	$ 69 50	
To traveling expenses for 1915	54 56	
To printing for the year 1916	120 56	
To 200 "Educational Forces"	8 00	
To traveling expenses for 1916	$102 31	$354 93
By balance in treasury September 21, 1916		$ 47 41

JOHN W. HORINE.

The committee to report on Ministerial Support submitted the following, which was considered and adopted:

No. 8.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Support.

Your Committee on Ministerial Support asks leave to report as follows:

Complete information as to the support of the ministry in the United Synod is not available. At the request of the chairman of your committee, the General Secretary of our Laymen's Missionary Movement sent a circular letter to 185 pastors, asking for a statement of the amount of cash salary per year, rental value of parsonage and approximate value of donations and perquisites. The tabulated result is as follows:

One hundred and twenty-one pastors responded, reporting an aggregate annual cash salary of $109,145 and a total income, including parsonages, donations and perquisites of $132,024.

Average cash salary per year	$ 902
Average income (perquisites, etc.)	1,091

Of the 121 reporting, 34 are living in the city, 55 in town and 32 in the country. A number of those living in town are serving country pastorates.

City Pastors.

34 Reporting.

6 receive a salary of	$1,800*
3 receive a salary of	1,500
8 receive a salary of	1,200
6 receive a salary of	1,000
8 receive less than	1,000
Smallest salary (no parsonage)	750
Average cash salary	1,258
Average total income	1,553

*Minimum salary; some in this class receive more than $1,800.

Pastors Living in Towns Less Than 5,000.

55 Reporting.

3 receive a salary of	$1,200
7 receive a salary of	1,000
7 receive a salary of	900
14 receive a salary of	800
Smallest salary received	575
Average cash salary	825
Average total income	992

Pastors Living in the Country.

32 Reporting.

1 receives a salary of	$1,000
1 receives a salary of	900
6 receive a salary of	800
2 receive less than	500
Average cash salary	655
Average total income	771

Of the 62 pastors not reporting, 33 live in the country, 16 in towns and 13 in cities.

It is a matter of common observation that our ministers are not properly supported. Speaking from the purely material point of view, the minister ought to be the most comfortable man in the congregation. If he must take anxious thought for the food that he and his family are to eat and the clothes they are to wear, his efficiency is impaired, and the spiritual interests of the congregation must suffer. The average congregation, realizing that debt discredits a minister, insists that its pastor pay as he goes. The average salary is so meager that if the average minister had to pay as he goes, he could not go. It is right that our ministers should practice humility and self-denial, but there is no warrant in the Scriptures for the belief that the Lord has specially commissioned the averaged congregation to administer humility and self-denial to its pastors. If the minister wants to look to the ravens for food, that is a personal privilege; but we may not assume that even ravens will supply spiritual nourishment to a congregation that stints its pastor.

The support of the ministry should be in keeping with the dignity, importance and manliness of the calling. Even if this Synod had the authority, it would not be practicable to fix a money standard, owing to the great diversity of local conditions. However, the one thing that is certain is, that the minister should have an adequate support. That means, a support that will maintain

himself and his family in comfort. The rules of the church make it the duty of the deacon "to see that, in accordance with Christ's command, the minister of the church be properly supported." When a minister accepts the call of a congregation at a stated salary, he makes a legal contract that is binding upon both parties. But back of this legal contract, and before the call is issued, is the moral obligation not to offer him less than a proper support, in accordance with Christ's command. The call should be specific as to amount and as to the times of payment. Both the amount offered and the punctuality of payment should be such as to save the minister from the embarrassment of debt. Wages and salaries respond slowly to the increase in the cost of living. A salary that barely gave a proper support last year is inadequate this year.

The question of ministerial support is closely related to two other important subjects: (1) the supply of suitable young men for the ministry and (2) a ministers' fund for the aged and infirm. If our ministers were supported in proportion to the value of their services, and as Christ's command requires, it would be easier to secure choice young men for the ministry, and our pastors could themselves make some sort of provision for their old age.

Your committee, realizing that no practical measure can be suggested that Synod has the power to enforce, makes the following recommendations:

1. That the President of the District Synods be requested to arrange to have sermons and addresses delivered, to the congations of their respective synods, by other persons than their pastors, on the great importance of the adequate support of the ministry.

2. That the executive committee of the Lutheran Laymen's Missionary Movement be requested to aid in carrying on a campaign of education, by distributing literature and delivering addresses on this important subject.

3. That a standing committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be further to investigate and report upon the subject; to cooperate with the other agencies of Synod in an effort to stimulate and encourage suitable young men to enter the ministry; and to report and promote plans for raising and maintaining a fund for the relief of aged and infirm ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. CROMER,
B. B. MILLER,
R. G. RHYNE.

Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D., was received as the fraternal representative of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, and the Rev. Wm. M. Horn was received as the delegated representative from the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.

The Board of Publication submitted its report, which was referred to the Committee on Board of Publication.

No. 9.

Report of Board of Publication.

Your Board of Publication respectfully reports that during the past biennium it has served to the best of its ability the publication interests of the United Synod. At the beginning of the biennium these interests were adversely affected by the European War and its depressing effect upon the income and resources of a large part of our Southern people and now, at the close of the biennium, these interests are confronted by still another adverse situation—the increased and increasing price of paper—caused or at least occasioned by the same lamentable conflict. In the face, however, of these unfavorable conditions your Board is able to report, for the first time in its history, a considerable balance of profit. The figures will be found in their place.

PROPERTY.

Our publication building is in a good state of repair and is a source of revenue to the Board. The printing department, under the management of Mr. C. J. Lindstrom, is depended on to provide sufficient income to offset the loss sustained in the publication of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*.

BOOK STORE AND MAIL ORDER DEPARTMENT.

During the biennium the book store was conducted at a profit. To this gratifying result the mail order business, which is enjoying a substantial growth, largely contributed. An increasing number of our congregations and Sunday schools place with the Board their orders for Bibles, church records, envelopes, library books, lesson papers and helps, and other literature and supplies. The earning capacity of the Board will not be reached until all of our pastors and people, individually and collectively in congregation, Sunday school and synod, become its patrons.

PUBLICATIONS AND PERIODICALS.

The Board is the Publisher of the Book of Worship and of the Sunday School Hymnal edited by Dr. E. C. Cronk. The fifth edition of the latter work was issued during the past year. The Board also issued new editions of Hawkins' Memorial Catechism, numbers two and three, and published "Some Counterfeit Religions," a pamphlet of thirty-eight pages, by Rev. Prof. F. C. Longaker, Ph.D. At this date the Board is preparing to publish a new and notable book having the title, "Biblical Dogmatics." The author is the Rev. Prof. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., Dean of our Theological Seminary.

Your Board, together with the Publication Boards of the General Council and the General Synod, is acting with the Joint Committee on Common Book of Worship in the publication of the completed book. The estimated cost of the key plates, which are now being made, is $5,000. The proportionate share of the United Synod was fixed at one-seventh of that sum, the General Council and the General Synod assigning to themselves each three-sevenths. Your Board accepted one-seventh as equitable and just.

The *Lutheran Church Visitor*, the official organ of the United Synod, has recovered the ground lost during the financial depression of 1915. Its circulation at this date is 6,400 copies. In view of the approaching Jubilee year of 1917 and the fact that the Central Committee on Quadri-Centennial will use the church papers as the media for the communication to our Lutheran people of a large amount of rich material bearing on our Church, its doctrines, history, present status, prospects and destiny—a special effort is being made to place a copy of the *Visitor* in every Lutheran Southern home by the opening of the centennial year. This effort, in the judgment of the Board, deserves the hearty sympathy and active support of all our pastors and church councils. It is felt that with their general and generous cooperation a circulation of 10,000 copies would be quickly reached.

The Board, owing to the rise in the cost of paper and other materials entering into the making of the *Visitor* and *Tidings*, and owing to the increasing loss sustained in their publication (see the figures in another part of this report), found itself constrained to raise the club rate of the *Visitor* from $1.00 to $1.25 per annum, and the subscription price of *Tidings* in quantities (10 to 100) from $15 to $20 per hundred. The regular price of these two papers remain unchanged, namely, $1.50 and 25 cents per copy per annum, respectively. The circulation of *Tidings* at this date is 7,000 copies. The paper so commends itself that it

is confidently expected that it will not only maintain but increase its present circulation, notwithstanding the rise in price.

FINANCES.

At no time have the finances of the Board been in what may be truthfully termed a prosperous condition. The business of the Board has prospered but the Board has not seldom been hard pressed to meet its obligations. A main reason for such embarrassment and stringency has been the long credits extended by the Board or exacted by its customers. A glance at the financial statement forming a part of this report will show accounts receivable (open accounts) on March 31, 1916, amounting to $9,326.02, and bills payable (bills on which the Board's notes are held) of $13,550, and accounts payable (for books, paper stock and other supplies) of $6,113.51. By this system of long credits not only is the Board hard put to it to meet its legitimate expenses, but by being compelled at times to be a bad debtor its own credit is impaired. The Board calls special attention to the first recommendation made in the report of the Committee on the report of the Publication Board and adopted by the United Synod at its last meeting (Minutes of 1914, p. 99), in which patrons are urged to make prompt payment of all accounts.

RECOMMENDATION.

The electrotyped plates of the hymns in the old Book of Worship (126 pages of the large book and 97 pages of the small book) have been received from its former publisher by the Lutheran Board of Publication. These plates are the property of the United Synod. It is extremely unlikely that they will ever again be used. We recommend that they be turned over to the Lutheran Board of Publication to be disposed of in whatever way the Board may deem best.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

In March, 1916, the books of the Board were audited by an expert accountant. His report was accepted by the Board and is herewith given in full.

Financial Statement, March 31, 1916.

Assets—Liquid.

Cash in bank	$812 37	
Cash on hand	161 76	
Petty cash	50 00	$1,024 13

Accounts receivable	9,326 02	
Notes receivable	2,200 00	
Mdse. inventory	5,361 97	
Ptg. Department inventory	2,051 46	
Building and Loan stock	2,272 50	
Total Liquid		$22,236 08

Fixed and Deferred.

Editorial library	$ 131 87	
Furniture and fixtures	1,505 67	
Machy. and equipment	17,660 01	
Real estate	16,000 00	
Sumter St. building	26,519 16	
Storage building	266 05	
Adjustment account	42 86	
Total Fixed		$62,125 62
Total assets		$84,361 70

Liabilities.

Bills payable	$13,550 00	
Bills rediscounted	2,000 00	
Accounts payable	6,113 51	
Total liabilities		$21,663 51
Net assets		$62,698 19

Investment Account.

Property Fund	$ 9,098 82	
Real estate profits	54,663 54	
Actual investment	63,762 36	
Deduct deficit of 3-31-14	4,029 77	
Book value investment, 3-31-14	59,732 59	
Add profit this period (See P & L)	2,965 60	
Book value investment 3-31-16		$62,698 19

TRADING ACCOUNTS MARCH 31, 1914—MARCH 31, 1916.

Merchandise.

Inventory, 3-31-14	$ 6,051 74	
Purchases	16,822 44	
	$22,874 18	
Deduct Inventory 3-31-16	5,361 97	
Cost of goods sold		$17,512 21

Sold for		21,196 73	
Gross profit on merchandise			$ 3.684 52

Printing Department.

Inventory 3-31-14		$ 2,585 06	
Expenses and supplies		41,920 26	
		$44,505 32	
Deduct inventory 3-31-16		2,051 46	
Cost of production		42,453 86	
Sold for		58,686 10	
Gross profit on printing			$16,232 24

Lutheran Church Visitor.

Production costs		$15,801 02	
Collections	$11,186 04		
Advertising	698 30	$11,884 34	
Gross loss on Visitor			$ 3,916 68

Tidings.

Production costs		$ 2,236 01	
Collections		1,283 44	
Gross loss on Tidings			$ 952 57
Net trading profits to profit and loss			$15,047 51

Profit and Loss Account From April 1, 1914, Through March 31, 1916.

Earnings.

Trading profit forward		$15,047 51	
Rents		4,799 93	
Return on note payable		40 32	
Total Earnings			$19,887 76

Expenses.

Commissions paid		$ 27 68	
Campaign expenses		3 75	
Board meeting expenses		11 00	
Freight and express		365 12	
Fuel		1,141 39	
Interest		1,729 70	
Insurance		1,054 65	
Office expense		714 75	

Postage	847 33	
Repairs	564 71	
Salaries	6,912 35	
Janitor	1,040 00	
Traveling expense	310 60	
Taxes	1,006 92	
Water rent	233 70	
Bad accounts written off and old errors in ledger	529 66	
Miscellaneous expenses	428 85	
Total expenses not charged to departmental costs		$16,922 16
Net profit for period as shown in Investment Account on Financial Statement		2,965 60

Schedule of Bills Payable, March 31, 1916.

Peoples National Bank	$ 2,000 00
Mergenthaler Linotype Co.	2,300 00
American Type Founders	250 00
Va. Life Insurance Co.	9,000 00
Total per Financial Statement	$13,550 00

Schedule of Accounts Payable.

American Bible Society	$ 133 07
E. C. Cronk (royalties)	301 18
G. H. Gerberding (royalties)	347 60
Lutheran Publication Society	1,011 61
Scripture Lessons	1 35
Gen. Council Pub. House	1,828 73
Sundry Mdse and Exp. accounts	2,489 97
Total per Financial Statement	$ 6,113 51

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. CROMER, President.
JOHN W. HORINE, Manager.

On motion, 11 o'clock a. m., tomorrow was fixed as the time to receive the reports of our delegates to other Synods, and to hear from the fraternal delegates of the General Synod and the General Council.

On motion, Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D., Rev. Wm. M. Horn, and Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., were made advisory members; and all visiting ministers from churches in the United Synod were also received, and requested to hand their names to the Secretary for publication in our Minutes.

The Executive Committee made its report, which was received and considered by items. Pending the consideration of this report Synod adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m., tomorrow.

Prayer by Rev. M. O. J. Kreps.

At 8 p. m., Vesper services were led by Rev. J. F. Crigler. Rev. J. A. Huffard made the address on Orphan Home, and Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware on Inner Missions.

THIRD SESSION.

Friday, November 10, 1916, 9:30 A. M.

The Synod convened, and the opening service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Seegers.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's sessions read and approved.

The President announced the following:

No. 10.

Standing Committees.

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev. Chas. K. Bell, D.D., Rev. Edw. Fulenwider, Rev. I. D. Worman, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Messrs. R. F. Bowe, J. H. Marsteller, John A. Cline.

2. *On Minutes of Last Synod.*—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., Rev. P. E. Monroe, Messrs, A. E. Waltman, S. T. Shank, J. Rom Smith.

3. *On District Synods.*—Rev. C. A. Brown, Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., Rev. H. A. Kistler, Messrs. J. M. Kinser, A. P. Snider, W. L. Kinney, E. M. Minnick.

4. *On Devotional Exercises.*—The Pastors loci and the officers of Synod.

5. *On the Theological Seminary.*—Rev. R. L. Fritz, D.D., Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D.D., Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., Rev. T. W. Shealy, Messrs. J. H. Marsteller, A. H. Snider, J. R. Rhodes.

6. *On Board of Education.*—Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., Rev. B. S. Brown, Rev. E. J. Sox, Rev. T. W. Shealy, Messrs. W. T. Stauffer, Fred Larkins, H. P. Lutz.

7. *On Orphan Home.*—Rev. J. H. Harms, D.D., Rev. W. Hoppe, D.D., Rev. G. H. Rhodes, Rev. J. L. Morgan, Messrs, J. E. Cooper, Jas. D. Heilig, C. O. Miller, M.D.

8. *On Lowman Home.*—Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Rev. W. J. Finck, D.D., Rev. F. K. Roof, Rev. A. R. Beck, Messrs. J. W. Jenny, J. W. Reiser, J. F. Neas.

9. *On Home Missions.*—Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D., Rev. H. N. Miller, Ph.D., Rev. W. H. Riser, Messrs. H. L. Bonham, H. L. Synder, A. B. Greiner, M.D.

10. *On Foreign Missions.*—Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D., Rev. J. A. Huffard, Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., Rev. J. J. Scherer, D.D., Messrs. W. F. Aberly, J. V. Sutton J. H. C. Huitt.

11. *On Board of Publication.*—Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., Rev. E. A. Repass, Ph.D., Rev. L. A. Fox, D.D., Rev. L. L. Lohr, D.D., Messrs. A. M. Hanna, J. M. Rhodes and W. K. Shealy.

12. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., Rev. W. A. Lutz, Rev. J. Luther Sieber, Rev. W. C. Davis, Messrs. M. F. P. Troutman, E. F. Irick.

13. *On Treasurer's Report.*—Messrs. A. H. Kohn, R. G. Rhyne, W. D. Houck, Jacob Umlauf, O. V. Hefner.

14. *On Church Literature.*—Rev. Jas. D. Kinard, Rev. J. F. Crigler, Rev. J. L. Cromer, Rev. T. B. Epting, Messrs. J. H. Rehder, G. B. Morehead, T. G. Rydingsvard.

15. *On Christian Unity.*—Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D.

16. *On Church Art and Architecture.*—Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D., Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., Rev. C. K. Hunton.

17. To *Nominate Visitors to Other General Bodies.*—Rev. Geo. H. L. Lingle, Rev. E. H. Copenhaver, Rev. D. I. Offman, Mr. F. R. Epting.

Rev. J. A. Huffard was appointed Assistant Secretary.

Consideration of the pending report was resumed, amended and adopted:

No. 11.

Report of Executive Committee of the United Synod.

In compliance with the requirement of the United Synod the Executive Committee held its first meeting in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Columbia, S. C., November 13, 1914, immediately upon adjournment of the Synod. The formal organization was effected with Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., President of United Synod, *ex-officio* Chairman of Executive Committee, and Rev. M. M. Kinard, Secretary.

We report the following items of business as having come before your Committee during the biennium:

FIXING DATE OF SYNOD.

By conference with the authorities of St. Paul's, Wilmington, the Executive Committee fixed the date for opening of the 1916 Convention of the United Synod, November 7th. By same authorities the date was later changed to November 9th to allow members of this body to vote in the general election before leaving home.

THEOLOGICIAL SEMINARY.

Upon the urgent request of the Central Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, the Executive Committee of United Synod authorized the said Central Committee to apportion and raise amongst the congregations of the United Synod, the sum of $1,500 to pay the interest past due on the Seminary debt. This seemed a pressing necessity.

The Board requests the usual amount per annum of $2,500 apportionment for current expenses.

Report of Board of Education shows receipts for the biennium to the amount of $402.34; disbursements for same time $354.93, leaving a balance in the treasury of $47.41. The Board asks for an apportionment of one cent per member or $500 for the next biennium.

COMMON SERVICE BOOK.

With reference to the new Common Service Book, we hail with joy the prospect of its early appearance. The United Synod is expected to provide means for the payment of the expense of getting out the key-plates, which will be approximately $1,000.

ORPHAN HOME.

At the request of the Executive Committee of the Corporation of the Orphan Home, Salem, Virginia, your Committee heard a plea for the privilege to go before the Church and solicit funds to the amount of some $18,000 with which to buy additional lands and greatly enlarge and develop the Orphan Home and its possibilities. After full hearing and thorough discussion on the part of the Executive Committee the following resolutions were adopted and are herewith submitted for your consideration and disposition:

"Whereas, the Corporation of the Orphan Home has submitted to the Executive Committee of the United Synod, plans for the development and enlargement of the Orphan Home, based upon the purchase of additional lands and has asked the Executive Committee for authority to raise the necessary money to pay for said lands, therefore Resolved:

1. That this Committee is in hearty sympathy with the desire of the Corporation to provide for the better home-care of the children and for the more adequate training for useful living.

2. That inasmuch as the entire Church is deeply interested in the proper foundation and development of this institution, and the next meeting of the United Synod is not far distant, this Committee is of the opinion that the interests of this undertaking would be best subserved by the general discussion of details and methods

of such inauguration and development on the floor of the United Synod.

3. That in the meantime the Corporation has the permission of this Committee to solicit conditional subscriptions for developing this work, subject to any change the United Synod may make in the plans suggested by the Corporation, and that this Committee suggests that the Corporation make an earnest effort to secure an extension of the option, referred to in their report to this Committee, until after the meeting of the United Synod."

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by your Committee in Charlotte at a meeting held, July 11, 1916.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

While the Board makes no specific request for aid, still to meet the deficit incurred by the publication of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*, the liberal patronage of the printing department is necessary.

HOME MISSIONS.

Seeing the church advance in her Home Mission offerings from 30 to 45 per cent. during the closing biennium over the preceding one, and with due regard to the needy and inviting fields ahead, the Board again asks for the annual apportionment, amongst the District Synods, of $25,000 for the next biennium.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board received from all sources, $14,000 per annum of the $25,000 for the biennum, closed one month earlier, and asks the annual apportionment, amongst the District Synods, of $25,000 for the next two years, exclusive of the distinctively women's work, supported by the women, and the erection of the new buildings not already provided for in whole or in part.

The Board further asks that the United Synod authorize a campaign to raise $50,000 as our Quadricentennial contribution to Foreign Missions and in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Japan mission; said fund to be designated the "Robert C. Holland Memorial Fund," to apply on liquidation of outstanding indebtedness of the Board; to erect necessary new buildings for the school and for the general work and other serious needs that may arise.

REPORT TREASURER UNITED SYNOD.

An examination of the report of the Treasurer of the United Synod reveals the fact that, some $312 is still due from the

District Synods and that the treasury of United Synod shows a deficit of $350. We, therefore, recommend that this Synod respectfully request the prompt payment of all arrearages of District Synods. We further recommend that the annual per capita apportionment of two cents per member be raised in all our District Synods for current expenses of the General Body.

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS ASKED.

For Current Expenses Per Annum.

Home Missions	$25,000
Foreign Missions	25,000
Theological Seminary	2,500
For United Synod expenses	1,000
Total	$53,500

Special Objccts.

While we are glad to see the work of the Church grow, yet we feel that a word of caution is necessary.

Theological Seminary "Debt Relief and Endowment Fund"	$ 50,000
Foreign Missions Quadrcentennial and 25th anniversary of Japan Mission Robert C. Holland Memorial Fund	50,000
Balance of $50,000 Permanent Loan Fund Home Missions ($15,000 of which has been raised) leaving	35,000
United Synod's part key-plates Common Service Book	1,000
Total of all items	$136,000

Very respectfully submitted,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
M. M. KINARD,
H. L. BONHAM,
C. M. EFIRD.

Rev. M. M. Kinard, fraternal delegate to the General Synod, reported. Report adopted.

No. 12.

Report of Official Visitor to the General Synod.

As official visitor from this Body, it was my pleasure to attend the forty-seventh biennial Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United State of America, which met in Akron, Ohio, May 26 to June 2, 1915. My reception

was most cordial on the part of the Synod and my entertainment, on "the Harvard plan," most hospitable. When presented to extend the greetings of the United Synod to the General Synod, every courtesy was shown me, and the brethren manifested deep interest in the message I delivered from you to them. In reply to my words, Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D., President of the Synod, in most eloquent terms expressed delight at the pleasant mutual relations existing between the two General Bodies, and authorized me to assure you that a fraternal delegate will bring the greetings of the General Synod to our 1916 Convention in Wilmington.

The Akron Convention was a great meeting. The grand church in which the Body assembled, with its churchly appointments and superb music by a well trained choir of fifty voices, was a real inspiration. The large number of clergy and laity composing the venerable Body, almost a century old, had a fine tonic effect. The spirit of harmony and the unanimity of feeling and action was simply beautiful. They met to legislate for the welfare of the Church. The evidence of the desire for closer relation among all Bodies of the Lutheran Church in this country was not far to seek. Minimizing the importance of denominational lines, in order to attain an ideal unification of Christianity, found no favor in that assembly of churchmen.

Educational and missionary interests received careful attention and provision was made for proper expansion. Effective plans were laid for the consolidation of *The Lutheran Observer* and *Lutheran Church Work.* Evidences of closer relation amongst Lutherans of General Bodies were cited and stressed in the form of the Common Service Book, Common Sunday school literature, etc. Such signs pointed the way towards federation if not union. The General Synod set itself the task of raising amongst the twenty-four District Synods of the Body, one million dollars for educational purposes as a Quadricentennial celebration fund—a memorial—1917.

The next convention of the General Synod will be held in 1917 in Chicago.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHAEL M. KINARD.

Rev. R. L. Fritz, fraternal delegate to the General Council, made his report, which was adopted.

No. 13.

Report of Fraternal Delegate to the General Council.

Your fraternal delegate to the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America begs leave to report that he

attended the thirty-fifth convention of this great Lutheran body, which was held in Zion Lutheran Church, Rock Island, Illinois, and First Lutheran Church, Moline, Illinois, September 9-14, 1915, and conveyed the greetings of this body. He made brief reference to the work of our United Synod and due acknowledgment of the help and encouragement received from the General Council—her great leaders and institutions—by the Lutherans of the South in the days gone by.

The reception accorded your delegate was most courteous and cordial. The very warm words of welcome extended by the noted President, Dr. Schmauk, were beautifully expressive of the unity and fraternal and practical fellowship of the two bodies and made your representative feel entirely at home.

Your delegate recalled what was said years ago by the late Dr. J. C. Moser: "The General Council is most nearly the ideal of the Lutheran Church in America." It is one of the most progressive of the larger Lutheran bodies in our country, embracing 14 district synods and having a membership of 494,501 communicants, 2,599 congregations, 1,730 ministers, and church property valued at $32,926,060. There were present 149 clerical and 86 lay delegates from the district synods, making a total of 235. To look upon such a large gathering of splendid, strong Lutheran men and to witness their dignified and impressive deliberations was most stimulating and encouraging to your delegate. Massiveness, seriousness and consciousness of power and responsibility were much in evidence.

In a brief report it is impossible to give a comprehensive statement or analysis of the great and various work of the General Council in missions, home, foreign and inner.

There was consideration of and action upon such great questions as the Unification of the Churches in Christendom and federation and cooperation of Lutheran bodies in America and the World.

The General Council went on record as heartily favoring the reading of the Bible in all schools, public and private, and deploring any efforts to have the practice discontinued and urged that the more formal reading of passages of Scripture at school exercises is by no means to be regarded as a substitute for other religious instruction, that all its synods and congregations be fully alive to the importance of religious education and reaffirmed its opinion that the "half-day per week" is none too much time for the Church to claim of the State.

Much progress was reported by the Church Book and Quadricentennial committees and suitable action was taken looking to the consummation of these great undertakings.

A timely and valuable statement on Inner Mission and Social Service was made: "The Watchword of the State is justice and

the arm of its power is law. The watchword of the Church is mercy and the arm of its power is love. Hence Social Service should ally itself with the State rather than with the Church."

The Inner Mission, on the other hand, being a work of love and mercy that is essentially redemptive, is not merely an ally or adjunct of the Church but a necessary part of its propagating power. It is a Good Samaritan and a good missionary combined in one. It is a leaven permeating society and working out its redemption, not a regulative force working out reforms by the aid of the law. Its spirit and method are evangelical, not legalistic.

The General Council appointed a committee looking to the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary in 1917.

The Rev. Wm. M. Horn, of New York City, was appointed fraternal visitor to this meeting of our United Synod.

Your delegate hereby expresses his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him by this appointment and trusts that his mission has been in a measure satisfactorily carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. FRITZ.

Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D., delegate from the General Synod, presented the fraternal greetings of his Synod. Response by Rev. J. W. Horine.

Rev. Wm. M. Horn, the official representative from the General Council, presented the greetings of that body, to which response was made by Rev. L. A. Fox.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, of the General Synod, was received as an advisory member of this Synod, also Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D.

Mr. H. E. Bonitz invited the Synod to visit Wrightsville Beach as the guest of the congregation, at 3 o'clock tomorrow.

Synod then adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m. today.

Prayer by Rev. Jas. D. Kinard.

FOURTH SESSION.

Friday, November 10, 1916, 2:30 P. M.

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. A. Deaton.

Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, President of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, made the following report, which was adopted.

No. 14.

Report of Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

The Board of Directors elected at the last meeting of the United Synod, met November 13, 1916, and was organized by

electing the following named members as its officers: Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., President; Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., Vice President, Mr. A. H. Kohn, Secretary; Hon. C. M. Efird, Treasurer.

The students in attendance at the Seminary during the session of 1914-15 numbered 14 in all. Six were in the Senior class; two in the Middle class; and six in the Junior class. The six Seniors received certificates of graduation at the close of the session.

During the session 1915-16, the attendance of students was the same as the preceding session, 14 in all—two in the Senior class, six in the Middle class,, six in the Junior class. The two Seniors were given certificates of graduation at the close of the session.

There are in attendance at the Seminary at the present time twenty young men: Six in the Senior class, six in the Middle class, and eight in the Junior class. Of the twenty now in attendance, ten are from the Tennessee Synod, five are from the North Carolina Synod; three are from the South Carolina Synod, and two are from the Georgia Synod.

The indebtedness of the Seminary on buildings has not been reduced any since our last convention. As the interest on the debt, gradually accumulating, was assuming such undesirable and embarrassing proportions, in order to pay it, or at least considerably reduce it, the Board, in May of this year, placed an apportionment of $1,500 on the congregations within the United Synod, and with the amount apportioned specified and forwarded to each congregation, was sent a special letter presenting and emphasizing the very pressing needs, and also urging the immediate raising and payment of same. In response to this special urgent appeal, the report of the Treasurer of the building fund, the Rev. Dr. C. A. Freed, shows that to October 23, 1916, $948.43 had been received. This same report shows receipts from other sources, including subscription bonds and pledges, amounting to $1,104.64, making total receipts from all sources during the biennium, $2,053.07. The report shows the following disbursements: $1,693.01 on interest, $177 for repairs on Seminary building, postage, etc., $183,06 on deposit in bank. The report of the Treasurer of the building fund has been audited by the Board, and is held subject to your inspection.

In addition to the debt on buildings, as reported by the Board at the last convention of this Synod (Minutes of 1914, page 61) there is at the present time a considerable sum of accumulated interest which the Board, on account of a lack of funds, has not been able to pay.

By the action and authority of the United Synod at its last meeting (Minutes 1914, page 91, items 3 and 5), the Board, in June 1916, devised a plan of campaign for the purpose of raising

a fund of $50,000, to be called "The Reformation Quadricentennial Seminary Fund." This fund is for the purpose of liquidating the debt and increasing the endowment. On account of the unfavorable world-wide conditions prevailing through the summer, the plan was not put into execution. It is the Board's purpose now to put this plan into full operation in the near future. This plan of the Board is attached hereto, and is marked Exhibit "A."

At the annual meeting in 1915, the Board devised and adopted a plan for establishing Seminary scholarships, which may be established by either individuals or congregations. This plan is hereto attached, marked Exhibit B.

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

We submit the following summary of the last annual report of the Treasurer, Hon. C. M. Efird:

Amount of Corpus	$36,405 22
Amount loaned	35,517 98
Cash in bank	887 24
Income account	5,156 83
Amount paid out	5,614 11
Overdraft	457 28

You will observe that the corpus in this report is less than reported at the last Convention, caused by virtue of the adjustment authorized by the United Synod in certain losses the fund sustained in a bank failure. (See Minutes 1914, page 63.)

It is gratifying to be able to report that our esteemed and lamented friend and brother, the Rev. Alexander Phillippi, D.D., bequeathed to the Seminary a legacy of $100. The Board directed that this legacy be placed to the credit of the Endowment Fund.

We regret to have to call the attention of the Synod to the fact that the $2,500 appropriated annually to the current fund of the Seminary, and which has been apportioned equably among the several District Synods, has not been paid in full but by few, if any, of the said Synods. The amounts of this apportionment which have been raised and forwarded to our treasury by the larger number of our Synods, have been entirely too small. The Board, therefore, would bring this matter to the earnest attention of our pastors and our people, and would emphasize the supreme importance of paying the apportionment in full in order to meet the current expenses of the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. J. KREPS, President.

"EXHIBIT A."

PLAN FOR RAISING "THE REFORMATION QUADRICENTENNIAL FUND" OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1. This effort to raise $50,000 for the Seminary shall be called "The Reformation Quadricentennial Fund." The effort shall terminate on December 31, 1917.

2. The plan shall be to unite the entire membership of the United Synod in the effort to raise the desired amount. This shall be effected by getting each congregation in the United Synod to raise a proportionate part of $50,000 as the minimum of its contribution. The aim shall be to have every member contribute something, so that it shall be, in the true sense, the work of the entire Church.

3. For the direction of the effort a committee of three shall be elected by the Central Executive Committee. The chairman of the Committee of Direction shall be the General Director, and he shall be compensated for his labors.

4. The Committee of Direction shall provide for a cooperating committee in each conference of the several District Synods. The Committee of Direction shall ask the Presidents of the several District Synods, in consultation with the Presidents of Conferences, to appoint the Conference Committees, or with the consent of the President of a Synod, the Conference may elect their committee. In each synod the Conference Committees shall unitedly constitute a Synodical Committee.

5. It shall be the duty of the General Director, with the advice and assistance of the Committee of Direction, to apportion $50,000 to the District Synods with the advise of the respective Conference Committee to apportion each synodical share among the congregations of the several Conferences; to see that every congregation shall take up the cause; to advise and distribute suitable forms of literature for information and of blanks and envelopes for subscriptions and contributions; to secure special speakers, whenever necessary; to bring the cause before Synods, Conferences and other gatherings, either in person or by a suitable representative; and in general to do whatever is necessary to carry the effort forward to success. The General Director shall report monthly to the Central Executive Committee.

6. It shall be the duty of Conference Committees to cooperate with the Committee of Direction, more especially the General Director, in carrying chosen plans within their respective Conferences, or, as the case may be, within their Synods, to see that all the congregations in their Conference assume their proper share in this work and carry it through to a successful conclusion; to advise and assist congregational committees, to pro-

vide speakers, when necessary, to present the cause; to report from time to time to the General Director of the progress made; and to advise and assist him in the distribution of literature, and to further the prosecution of the effort in whatever way they can.

7. Conference Committees, with the advice of the pastors, shall appoint in each congregation a committee, which shall present or have presented to the congregation the cause, and see that every member has an opportunity to make a contribution, and urge the congregation to raise at least the amount of its apportionment. The names of the persons composing these committees shall be reported to the General Director.

8. The General Director shall seek to interest Young People's Societies, Brotherhoods, and Sunday schools in the cause.

9. Both cash and subscriptions shall be solicited. Subscriptions shall be payable in one year from their date or in a shorter period.

10. Treasurers of congregations shall remit quarterly to the treasurer of the Central Executive Committee.

11. A large Roll Book, in which the names of all contributors shall be entered, shall be procured and kept by the Committee of Direction. After the completion of the entire movement, this Roll Book shall be preserved in the Seminary as a part of the history of the Reformation Quadricentennial Seminary Fund. Congregational committees shall be provided with small roll books in which the names of the contributors in their congregation shall be entered.

12. The Committee of Direction shall also devise a system of annuities, the income from which shall be used only for endowment.

"EXHIBIT B."

SEMINARY STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

1. The Scholarship Fund, consisting of at least $125 per annum, shall be used for the maintenance of a student needing and deserving aid.

2. It shall be established through the gifts of congregations or individuals.

3. It shall be independent of and additional to the apportionment.

4. It shall be administered by the Dean of the Faculty in accordance with terms agreed upon by the donor.

The Committee on Parochial Blank made the following report, which was adopted:

No. 15.

Proposed Statistical Blank.

Your committee appointed to prepare a statistical blank would hereby submit the following form:

We recommend that instead of printing this blank in the Minutes it be printed on separate sheets and sent to Secretaries of Synods to be supplied to congregations as they may need them.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Y. BOOZER,
C. A. FREED.

Rev. J. C. Seegers made the report of the Committee on Work for the Negro Race. The report was received and considered by items. After some discussion, the report was recommitted.

The following Executive Committee was appointed by the President to be confirmed by the Synod: Revs. M. M. Kinard, and J. A. Morehead with C. M. Efird and H. L. Bonham.

Rev. E. C. Cronk read the report on Laymen's Missionary Movement. The report was adopted.

No. 16.

Report of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

This report is made with profound gratitude to God for the opportunities that have come to the Laymen's Missionary Movement, during the past ten years, to aid in the work of His Kingdom. During the biennium just closing the Movement has been used in a larger way than ever before in doing definite work in and for the Church.

In the early days of the Movement it was only natural that we had to seek oportunities and openings. Now after ten years' proving, it is not surprising that opportunities are coming to us more rapidly than they can be embraced. Three of our Synods have definitely asked the assistance of the Movement in their policies and plans for the next year and the invitations from individual congregations are far in excess of the days in the General Secretary's calendar.

It is evident that there is a growing confidence in the work, and that the Movement by persistent effort and careful study of the needs and opportunities is constantly adapting and enlarging its plans to meet those needs and opportunities.

Our Third General Convention, was held in Roanoke, Va., March, 14-16, 1916, with a registration of over 1,000. The earnest, prayerful gathering together of these hundreds of laymen to study

missionary problems and opportunities cannot fail of results.

An increased financial support of the Movement was pledged at this meeting, and the Executive Committee was greatly strengthened by the election of a General Committee consisting of the following laymen:

R. J. Walker, Mt. Jackson, Va.; A. W. Klemme, High Point, N. C.; W. C. Norman, Richmond, Va.; C. W. Polvogt, Wilmington, N. C.; W. P. Huffman, Hickory, N. C.; E. B. Brittain, Gastonia, N. C.; A. E. Waltman, Charlotte, N. C.; G. C. Hine, Winston-Salem, N. C.; J. A. Greever, Tazewell, Va.; W. F. Aberly, New Bern, N. C.; Fred Larkins, Birmingham, Ala.; R. F. Bowe, Greenville, S. C.; E. W. Peery, M.D., Lynchburg, Va.; R. G. Koiner, Staunton, Va.; G. F. McAllister, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.; A. B. Greiner, M.D., Rural Retreat, Va.; W. H. Mixson, Charleston, S. C.; D. N. Akard, Blountville, Tenn.; C. H. Konemann, Savannah, Ga; D. F. Kahrs, Augusta, Ga.; A. P. Snyder, Marion, Va.; John M. Rhodes, Lincolnton, N. C.; W. T. Stauffer, Newport News, Va.; W. K. Shealy, Leesville, S. C.; J. H. Sheppard, Goodman, Miss.; H. L. Snyder, Shepherdstown, W. Va.

The Lutherans of Augusta, Ga., in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and various civic organizations, sent an invitation to the Roanoke Convention that the 1918 Convention be held in that city. This invitation was accepted and plans are now being made for the Augusta Convention.

Missionary education and training has been the work to which the Movement has given itself in large measure. In addition to the General Convention it has conducted smaller training conferences in many centers and hundreds of conferences with church officers. The General Secretary has visited all our colleges and the Theological Seminary to confer with the students and to organize Mission Study classes.

Literature has been distributed through the Committees. With more than 1,500 men serving on 400 Committees, it is possible for us to reach practically the entire constituency of the United Synod without burdening our overtaxed pastors.

The development of our laymen has been so gradual and steady that we who have witnessed it at close range have scarcely realized it, but one of our missionaries returning to America after a seven years' absence says that it impresses him as one of the striking advances of recent years.

Ten years ago we would have counted it an impossible task to assemble one hundred laymen for a three days' convention, at their own expense, to consider the things of the Kingdom of God. Last year we assembled over 1,000 men in such a convention. Ten years ago it would have been a strange sight to have seen a score of automobiles drawn up before a church door to take

teams of business men out on an Every Member Canvass for education and church finance. Now we are getting used to seeing our laymen go right ahead with such canvasses. Our laymen are giving themselves and their possessions to the Church as they have never given before.

For the part the Laymen's Missionary Movement has had in bringing this to pass we give thanks. For the work that is yet to be done, we stand ready to serve the Church.

GEORGE B. CROMER, Chairman.
KENNETH BAKER, Treasurer.
E. C. CRONK, General Secretary.
J. V. SUTTON.
J. H. MARSTELLER,
A. H. SNIDER.
O. B. MAYER.
C. M. EFIRD.

The Committee on Treasurer's Report submitted the following which was adopted.

No. 17.
(See Report No. 3.)

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

Your Committee appointed on Treasurer's Report would respectfully report:

The Treasurer has in his possession and has exhibited to us securities aggregating $12,000—$10,000 of the Cover Fund and $2,000 of the Swigert Fund.

We have also examined the Treasurer's cash account and find same correct, disbursements being evidenced by proper vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. KOHN,
JACOB UMLAUF,
O. V. HEFNER,
R. G. RHYNE.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m., tomorrow.

At 8 p. m., Vesper service were led by Rev. T. B. Epting. The address on Foreign Missions was made by Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D., and that on Home Missions by Rev. J. L. Morgan.

FIFTH SESSION.

Saturday, November 11, 1916, 9:30 A. M.

Synod convened, and the opening service was conducted by Rev. Wm. J. Finck.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

On motion, the Secretary cast the vote of the Synod for the Executive Committee previously appointed by the President.

Prof. J. T. Crabtree, Superintendent of our Orphan Home, was received as an advisory member.

The standing Committee on Church Art and Architecture made the following report, which was adopted:

No. 18.

Report of Committee on Church Art and Architecture.

Your Committee on Church Art and Architecture, appointed for the first time at your last Convention, has applied itself to the solution of the problem as how best to serve the purpose for which it was constituted.

The first field for usefulness that seemed open to it was to act in an advisory capacity to pastors and congregations who cared to consult it. The large number of pastors and congregations in various parts of our territory and one from beyond the bounds of the United Synod that have consulted the committee shows a general desire to take advantage of this service. The committee has cheerfully studied each problem presented and has made such suggestions as it was thought would be helpful. Cordial letters of appreciation of the suggestion given have been received.

The committee has undertaken the preparation of a series of short practical articles for publication in the *Lutheran Church Visitor* setting forth some of the principles involved in its work. It is the intention to republish the articles in pamphlet form so that the information thus gathered may be made available in convenient form at slight cost for pastors and building committees which have such work to do.

The committee hopes to be able through this means to bring our people to a better understanding of the principles underlying good church architecture and of church furnishing and thus promote the realization of higher ideals.

The Lutheran Church has a beautiful Liturgy and our sanctuaries should be so constructed that they shall be in harmony with that Liturgy and be adapted to its use. Too long this matter has been neglected among us. Many of our churches are very commonplace and unattractive when a building along much more beautiful lines, and much more satisfactory and harmonious in its appointments, could have been built for the same cost.

To enable the committee to give more efficient help, we recommend:

1. That the committee be authorized to have designs for several types of churches prepared so that congregations which

are not able to employ a skilled architect can thus secure substantial and dependable aid.

2. That an appropriation of one hundred dollars be made available for the work of the committee for the next biennium.

3. That missions and established congregations be encouraged and urged to consult the committee with regard to the selection of church sites, building, remodeling and redecorating operations, and church art in all its branches. The committee will seek to give or procure trustworthy advice in such matters. The simplest church can be made harmonious and beautiful, and the subject is worthy of careful study.

CHAS. K. HUNTON,
GEORGE J. GONGAWARE,
JNO. C. SEEGERS.

The Committee on Letters reported. Report was considered by items, and adopted:

No. 19.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

A number of letters have come into the hands of this committee calling our attention to the following matters:

1. Communications from the President and Secretary of the Pan Lutheran Society for Mission Work in Latin America, including a copy of the constitution of the society. We recommend,

(a) That Articles 1. 2, 3, of the constitution of this society be read before the Synod;

(b) That this Synod give its approval to the purpose and plan of this society.

2. A letter from Dr. Luther D. Reed, Secretary of the Joint Committee on Common Book of Worship, submitting a resolution passed by that Committee calling for action on the part of the General Bodies represented in that committee, on the change of the words Holy Christian Church to Holy Catholic Church in the Apostles' Creed. We recommend that the resolution be read and acted upon by the United Synod.

3. A letter of appreciation from Dr. Henry E. Jacobs in response to telegrams sent to him by this body on the occasion of his seventieth birthday. We recommend that this letter be read before the Synod.

4. A letter from the Secretary of the Woman's Conference, calling our attention to a resolution passed by that body at its meeting two years ago, found on page 141 of the minutes of last session. We recommend that this resolution be read and acted upon.

5. A letter from the manager of the Herald Publishing House of Lamoni, Iowa, asking for information concerning Lutheran Polity. We recommend that this communication be referred to the faculty of the Theological Seminary for answer.

6. A communication from Sidney L. Gulick, Secretary of the World Alliance for the Promotion of International Friendship through the Churches, together with explanatory literature, asking for the consideration of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That this———welcome the invitation of the American Council of the World Alliance for promoting International Friendship through the Churches to cooperation in this great work, that this body herewith establishes a Commission for this purpose to consist of———members to be apointed by the ———and that we endorse the invitation of the American Council of the World Alliance to our congregations to establish local committees to cooperate with the Executive Committee of the Council."

7. Communication from Dr. Geo. H. Cox, accompanying manuscript of statistics for publication. We recommend that the United Synod authorize its Treasurer to remunerate him to the extent of $20 for his services as Statistical Secretary.

Written invitations for the next biennial meeting of the United Synod have been placed in our hands by Holy Trinity Church, Jackson, Miss.; St. Mark's Church, Roanoke, Va.; and the First Lutheran Church of Greenville, S. C.

We recommend these invitations be read to the Synod for its consideration when ready to choose place of meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER,
W. C. DAVIS,
J. LUTHER SIEBER,
W. A. LUTZ,
M. F. P. TROUTMAN,
E. F. IRICK.

Under item 6, the President of Synod was "asked to answer the communication, with the instruction that this Synod declines to enter into the cooperation asked for."

In response to a letter from the Joint Committee on Common Book of Worship, asking for action on the change of the words "Holy Christian Church," in the Creed, to "Holy Catholic Church," it was,

Resolved, That we oppose the change.

The request of the Woman's Conference, relating to the fostering of schools in neglected districts, was granted.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions submitted its report. The report was considered and adopted by items.

Under item 3, the Synod was led in prayer by Rev. B. S. Brown.

Pending the consideration of the report Synod accepted the invitation of the congregation to visit Wrightsville Beach, and adjourned to meet at 2 p. m., today.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Lutz.

SIXTH SESSION.

Saturday, November 11, 1916, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to order and was led in prayer by Rev. E. A. Repass.

The consideration of the pending report was resumed.

The item relating to the consolidation of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards was stricken out, and the last item of the report was recommitted.

Synod was then adjourned to meet after the service tonight.

At 8 p. m., Vesper services were led by Rev. Geo. H. Rhodes. Rev. J. L. Sieber made the address on "Our Publication Interests," and that on Theological Seminary was made by Rev. L. L. Lohr.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Saturday, November 11, 1916, 9:30 P. M.

Synod was called to order, and the Committee on Orphan Home presented its report, which was considered, to be adopted by items.

Pending its consideration Synod adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock a. m., on Monday, the 13th instant.

Prayer by Rev. Wm. J. Finck.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Monday, November 13, 1916, 9 o'clock A. M.

Synod convened, and the devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Peery.

The Minutes of the sessions of Saturday were read and approved.

The consideration of the report on Orphan Home was resumed, and the report was adopted, and the nominees were elected:

No. 20 and 20a.

Report of Committee on the Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home.

Your Committee on the Corporation of the Orphan Home begs leave to report that it has examined the reports and papers placed in its hand reviewing the work of the past biennium, especially the plans for the improvement and extension of the Orphan Home, proposed by the Corporation, in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the United Synod in 1914. (Minutes 1914, page 93.)

The affairs of the Orphan Home have been most wisely and efficiently administered. The accommodations for this work have been distressingly meagre and insufficient, and it would seem that the time is ripe for making a more ample provision for these wards of the Church by way of better physical and educational facilities. It ought to be possible for the Lutherans of the South to afford these poor dependent children who apply to us for home and training a better chance than that which can now be offered on account of lack of space and proper housing and educational advantages.

Your committee records with sorrow the death of two members of the Corporation, the Rev. J. E. Shenk and the Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., both of whom were faithful friends of the Orphan Home. We note also that another good friend of this cause has removed without the bounds of the United Synod. Thus three vacancies have been created in the membership of the Corporation during the biennium.

During the biennium Mrs. M. D. Davis, the matron of the Home, was called away by death. She gave six and a half years of faithful and efficient service.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That the report of the Corporation be printed in the Minutes of Synod.

2. That the Corporation be authorized to exercise the option they now hold on Tract "M," (adjoining Tract "C" which is now owned by the Corporation), and further described in a publication of the Home, containing 22¼ acres, to cost $8,250; that it be authorized to solicit funds for this purpose and also to cancel the debt on the Home, amounting at present to $2,523.23, a total to be secured of $10,773.23; also that the Corporation be authorized to sell or exchange any of its present holdings of property or real estate, described as Tract "A" and Tract "B," in publication above referred to, whenever it shall be found advantageous to do so, and to reinvest the proceeds of the sale or exchange first

in buildings on Tract "M," which is about to be acquired, and the balance, if any, in other lands which may be desirable.

3. We respectfully nominate the following: for the vacancy in class of 1918, Rev. I. E. Long; for the vacancy in class of 1919, Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr.; for the vacancy class of 1921, Mr. O. V. Hefner; for the class of 1922, Rev. J. L. Sieber, Rev. Paul Sieg, Mr. J. Frank Clemmer, Mr. J. H. Marsteller, and Mr. I. V. Yonce; for the class of 1923, Rev. C. K. Hunton, Rev. M. M. Kinard, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher and Mr. H. D. Derrick.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HENRY HARMS,
J. E. COOPER,
J. L. MORGAN,
C. O. MILLER,
JAMES D. HEILIG,
W. HOPPE.

Report of Corporation of the Orphan Home.

Since the last meeting of the Synod the Corporation and the Board of Trustees have held two meetings.

The nominees of the Synod for membership in the corporation were elected. From those so elected vacancies in the Board were filled. The officers of the Corporation are: Rev. Paul Sieg, President; Rev. Chas. K. Hunton, Vice President; Mr. R. W. Kime, Secretary; Mr. Ivan V. Yonce, Treasurer.

Besides the vacancies caused by the expiration of their terms of office there has been one removal from the bounds of Synod,

1919—Rev. L. G. M. Miller, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Rev. J. E. Shenk, of the class of 1919, and Rev. R. C. Holland, of the class of 1921. These were warm friends of the institution and their loss is deeply regretted.

The Corporation is constituted at present as follows:

1917—Rev. J. L. Sieber, Rev. Paul Sieg, Mr. J. F. Clemmer, Mr. J. H. Marsteller, Mr. I. V. Yonce.

1918—Rev. C. K. Hunton, Rev. M. M. Kinard, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Rev. E. A. Shenk (removed), Mr. H. D. Derrick.

1919—Rev. L. G. M. Miller, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Rev. J. E. Shenk (deceased), Rev. W. H. Roof, Mr. J. P. Gose.

1920—Mr. H. S. Trout, Mr. R. W. Kime, Mr. H. F. Scheele, Rev. J. H. Wilson, Rev. Geo. S. Bowers.

1921—Mr. G. W. Tompkins, Mr. C. Markley, Mr. J. E. Cooper, Mr. J. W. Eberly, Rev. R. C. Holland (deceased).

It will be necessary to nominate three men to fill the vacnacies in classes 1918, 1919, 1921, and five men for each of the classes 1922 and 1923. The Superintendent, J. T. Crabtree, has been very efficient and has been reelected annually.

Pursuant to the resolutions passed by the Synod at its last meeting, the Corporation at its annual meeting in June, 1915, elected the following committee: Rev. J. Luther Sieber, Mr. Ivan V. Yonce, Mr. C. B. Strickler, Rev. C. K. Hunton, Mr. R. W. Kime, Mr. G. W. Tompkins and Mr. J. H. Marsteller, to make the investigations called for and to submit to the next annual meeting such recommendations as seemed to them best in the premises.

At the annual meeting held June 12, 1916, the aforementioned committee submitted a unanimous report. After careful consideration of the several items of the report the Corporation took the following action, subject to the ratification of the Synod:

1. That a new location on a much larger tract of land be procured for the Home, so that at least seventy-five acres of land shall be available for its use.

2. The matter as to the selection and purchase of additional ground for the Home and for the financing of the same be and is hereby left to the committee heretofore elected, with Superintendent J. T. Crabtree added thereto, with full power to act.

3. That the old building on Floral street belonging to the Home be used temporarily, at least, as a home for the larger boys according to the action already taken by the Board.

4. That facilities for industrial or manual training in the following lines be provided as soon as practicable: General farming, fruit-raising (both large and small fruits), poultry-raising, dairying, gardening, carpentry, cabinet, machine, shoe, paint and tin shop work, plumbing and electrical work, home economics, including sewing, cooking, sanitation, nursing, house decoration, laundry work, and such other lines as it may be desirable to introduce.

In obedience to these resolutions the committee secured options upon land sufficient to increase the real estate of the Home to seventy-five or more acres. Through a sub-committee the permission of the Executive Committee of the Synod to proceed with the undertaking was sought. The Executive Committee advised the submission of the matter to the Synod at its approaching meeting but gave permission to the Corporation "to solicit conditional subscriptions for the development of the work subject to any change the United Synod may make in the plans suggested by the Corporation."

Complying with the advice of the Executive Committee, the special committee of the Corporation issued a circular describing the tracts of land upon which options had been taken, their proximity to the property now owned and to the town of Salem, and asking for subscriptions towards the purchase of the same Copies of said circular and of the report of the special committee

to the Corporation and of the action of the Executive Committee are herewith submitted.

In case the Synod approves the plans of the special committee of the Corporation, the Corporation should be authorized to sell or exchange any or all of its present holdings whenever it can be done advantageously.

The resources of the Home in addition to its present real estate holdings are: Endowment, $10,000; cotton mill stock, par value $800; 7 shares of bank stock, par value $100; land notes, $3,726; the Capt. J. C. Seegers bequest $5,000 which carries interest at five per cent. until paid.

The entire indebtedness amounts to $2,523.23. There are some unpaid subscriptions on the Property Fund that amount to $1,023.23.

The number of children cared for during the past biennium has averaged about 100. The number in the Home at the last meeting of the corporation was 106, of whom 58 were from Virginia, 21 from North Carolina, 16 from West Virginia, 6 from South Carolina and 5 from Georgia. Fifty of these were boys and fifty-six were girls.

We have suffered no epidemic though we had several cases of serious illness during the past summer. The matron, Mrs. M. D. Davis, after six and a half years of faithful service, fell a victim to typhoid fever. Several of the children also had fever but by careful nursing these recovered.

Pastor Hunton of College Church deserves the thanks of the Church for his faithful catechization of the children. As a result, ten of the children have been confirmed each year.

The school work has been carried on successfully. One of the girls graduated in music from Elizabeth College in 1915 and two others pursued courses in the same institution, both last session and this. The Home has a boy or two in Roanoke College nearly every session. These institutions give free tuition to the children.

Although it has not been possible, for lack of room, to receive more children into the Home, yet the expense of caring for those who have been received has steadily increased. In 1914-15 the cost per month for a child was $6.80. In 1915-16 it was $8.23, an increase of more than twenty per cent. This year will probably witness a still greater percentage of increase. Through the generous support extended the Home by the Church it has so far been able to meet these increased expenses. The way is not easy, always the upgrade, but this is the challenge.

PAUL SIEG, President.

The Committee on District Synods reported. Report was adopted:

No. 21.

Report of Committee on District Synods.

During the last biennium, faithful and conscientious work has been done by the ministers of the several Synods, in the preaching of the Gospel of our blessed Saviour, baptizing the children, catechizing and confirming the young, regularly administering the Lord's Supper, watching and guiding their flocks in the way of all truth.

Concerning the attendance upon the services of the sanctuary, according to reports, ours is a church-going people who love God's Word and the preaching of the Gospel.

Deserving special commendation is the interest manifested in the work of the Sunday school. With a large per cent. of the membership of the congregations enrolled in the Sunday school, we are assured of a laity not ignorant of the Holy Scriptures.

We note with pleasure, the increased interest in benevolence, and the growing interest in missions among our laymen, women, young people and children.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement continues to be a splendid force in arousing interest and activity in the benevolent and general work of our laymen.

Along all lines, the District Synods have made commendable progress. This, indeed, is most hopeful sign. But with the increasing demands and greater opportunities, comes the call for a fuller and a more thorough consecration of the means that God has entrusted to us as His stewards.

We suggest that the several District Synods make the next biennium, which includes the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, a jubilee year during which redoubled efforts be made to liquidate all outsanding obligations both in the local and general work, and to meet in full, the apportionment of the District Synods and the United Synod.

Education is receiving increased attention. The increased enrollment of students in most of our institutions and several handsome new buildings for our young women, indicate the high degree of interest our people are taking in Christian and higher education.

We note the following resolution adopted by the Synod of South-western Virginia at its 1915 convention:

"*Resolved,* That it shall be the duty of each congregation to make a canvass of its members for definite subscriptions to ascertain just what amount it will promise to the Synod for the following

synodical year; that these amounts shall be reported to the Secretary of Synod each consecutive year prior to the annual convention of Synod, and that on these amounts the Synod shall base its annual appropriations."

Also a like resolution in force in the Synod of South Carolina. We recommend the adoption by all of our District Synods of a plan of similar principle.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. BROWN,
J. J. SCHERER,
H. A. KISTLER,
J. M. KINSER,
A. P. SNYDER.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Home Missions was presented and considered by items. Pending its consideration, several members having resigned, final action was postponed until the Synod's earnest request that they withdraw their resignations be heard from.

The report of the Board of Lowman Home was submitted, and referred to the Committee on Lowman Home.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Publication presented its report, which was adopted:

No. 22.
(See Report No. 9.)

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Publication.

Your committee takes pleasure in commending the clear, brief, but comprehensive report of the Board of Publication. Since this paper regularly becomes a part of the minutes, it is unnecessary to present here a summary of its contents. However, it is the judgment of the committee that the work of the Board evidences increasing efficiency and usefulness. The enterprise of the Boards in the publication of new books is especially gratifying. That this department of work for the production and distribution of Christian literature may be further developed is of the very greatest importance to the Church and the world.

It is recommended:

1. That, in harmony with the suggestion of the Joint Quadricentennial Committee, the earnest effort be made by our Board, pastors, and people to place the *Lutheran Church Visitor* in every Lutheran home in the South by the year 1917, and that similar interest be taken in extending the usefulness of *Tidings* by increasing its circulation.

2. That as a matter of loyalty to our own and of good business, the patronage of the Publication House of this body, both in the purchase of supplies for Sunday schools and churches and in the awarding of contracts for printing, be made the rule in the United Synod. This action is necessary because the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings* are furnished to our people considerably below actual cost and the books and printing departments are the only sources of net income for the Board of Publication to cover deficits.

3. That, since the Board of Publication has no working capital and is therefore dependent upon its income from subscriptions, sales, etc., to meet current bills, the duty and necessity of the prompt and full payment of all obligations to our Publication House be recognized and urged upon congregations, pastors and people.

4. That the recommendation that the electrotyped plates of the hymns of the old Book of Worship be turned over to the Board of Publication to be disposed of at their discretion be adopted.

5. That the following be elected members of the Board of Publication for the ensuing biennium: Geo. B. Cromer, P. C. Price, A. H. Kohn, Rev. W. P. Cline, D. F. Efird, J. V. Sutton, S. J. Derrick and Rev. J. L. Cromer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MOREHEAD,
E. A. REPASS,
L. L. LOHR,
L. A. FOX,
T. W. SHEALY,
J. M. RHODES,
A. M. HANNA.

The Committee on Theological Seminary reported, which was considered by item. Pending its consideration Synod adjourned to reconvene at 2 p. m., today.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Deaton.

NINTH SESSION.

Monday, November 13, 1916, 2 o'clock P. M.

Synod was called to order, and led in prayer by Rev. J. J. Scherer, Sr.

The pending report on the Theological Seminary was taken up and adopted, the nominees of the Board being elected:

No. 23.

Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary

Our Theological Seminary is the United Synod's answer to the great cry for more ministers. This Institution is central, fundamental, absolutely essential in the maintenance and progress of all our work. Our faithfulness and success in operating this "school of the prophets" is a fair measure of the loyalty and work of our Southern Lutheran Church.

Your Committee has before it for consideration the report of the Board of Directors covering the last biennium.

We note that the attendance for the last two sessions was twenty-eight—nine less than that of the two sessions of the previous biennium. We are gratified that the attendance at present is twenty. Your Committee suggests that this Synod urge our District Synods, our ministers, our colleges and our people to be more active and loyal in their efforts to encourage young men to enter the ministry and to seek their theological training in our own Seminary.

We regret to note that the indebtedness on our Seminary, which is $20,850, has not been reduced any during the biennium, and that $9,222.99 of the subscription bonds and pledges have not been paid, and that a considerable amount of interest remains unpaid. A most discouraging feature of the Directors' report is the fact that most of the District Synods have not kept faith with their Seminary by paying promptly and fully their part of the $2,500 pledged to the current expense fund, thus setting a most unfortunate example for the congregations and individual members and most seriously hampering the work. The very life of our Seminary depends upon faithfulness here. It is most imperative that each District Synod pay its pledge promptly and fully even if it must borrow a part of it.

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That the effort to secure funds with which to pay interest due be pressed to early completion and that those congregations which have not responded be urged to do so at once.

2. That the plan of the directors to raise $50,000 with which to pay off the debt on the Seminary building and the Professor's house be approved and recommended to the favorable consideration of our people, and that the outline of this plan be published in our minutes.

3. That the Directors' plan for securing student scholarships from synods, congregations, Sunday schools, and individuals be approved, and that they be authorized to secure and administer such scholarships upon the plan proposed.

4. That the President of each District Synod be urgently requested to see to it that his synod pay promptly and fully its pledge to the current expense fund of our Seminary.

5. That the following constitute the Board of Directors for the ensuing biennium: Revs. M. O. J. Kreps, M. G. G. Scherer, A. R. Beck, J. H. Wilson, J. W. Horine, C. A. Freed, J. L. Morgan, F. B. Clausen, and Messrs. J. F. Ficken, C. M. Efird, Geo. B. Cromer, J. D. Capplemann, A. H. Kohn, W. T. Stauffer and J. V. Sutton.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. FRITZ,
G. S. BOWERS,
T. W. SHEALY,
M. J. EPTING,
J. H. MARSTELLER.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was taken up and adopted as a whole. The nominees were elected:

No. 24.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee appointed to examine and recommend to Synod the items requiring action in the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod begs to submit the following:

1. That on account of the bitter hostilities among the nations of the East, the disturbed industrial conditions of the homeland, and the great loss to the Board and to the cause in the death of the Rev. Dr. Holland, the Board has been confronted by many unusual problems, but has very successfully maintained the work, and is, therefore, entitled to receive the grateful commendations of the Synod, and we so recommend.

2. We recommend that the printed report of the Board as submitted to this body be incorporated with the Minutes of this Convention.

3. We recommend that the United Synod adopt, as its official tribute to the late Dr. Holland, the chaste sketch of his life and the loving estimate and appreciation of his worth and character as formulated by the Board, and that an appropriately marked page of the printed Minutes of this Convention be reserved for the said tribute, and that, upon the adoption of this item, the Synod pause for prayer in behalf of the Foreign Mission cause.

4. That as a temporary arrangement we recommend the approval of the Board's action in separating the offices of President and General Secretary of the Board, but that, in the judgment of your Committee, the best interest of our field in Japan

require the return of Dr. Brown to that work upon the expiration of his present furlough.

5. That we rejoice on account of the unusual number of students in our schools in Japan and the proof of the sincere interest of the native Christians as shown in their contributions of $1.60 per capita, in the consecrated zeal of our missionaries and in the abundant evidence of God's favor upon our work.

6. That we hereby commend the friends of the Foreign Mission cause who have provided special gifts and bequests for the advancement of the work during the past biennium, and that we endeavor to persuade others thus to encourage this important cause.

7. That we approve item No. 1, page 18, of the Report as follows:

1. That the United Synod, in order to prevent any retrenchment in Japan and to insure, if possible, normal growth in the work of the Mission, apportion among the several District Synods the sum of $25,000 annually, during the next biennium, exclusive of the distinctively woman's work supported by the women, and the erection of new buildings not already provided for in whole or in part.

Also item No. 2:

2. That the United Synod authorize a campaign to raise $50,000 as our Quadricentennial contribution to foreign missions and in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Japan Mission, said fund to be called the Robert C. Holland Fund and to be applied:

a) To the liquidation of all outstanding indebtedness of the Board.

b) To the erection of necessary new buildings for the school and for the general work.

c) To other serious needs of the work in the judgment of the Board requiring immediate attention.

9. That item 3, page 18 of the Report, as follows, be approved:

3. That Epiphany season be designated especially as Foreign Mission Festival to be observed in all our congregations, and that "April Japan Day" be recognized as the season for special emphasis and study in our Sunday schools in behalf of the mission cause in Japan.

10. That touching the manuscript item of the Report as follows: "Resolved, That it is the sense of the retiring Board that the Board of Foreign Missions should be constituted hereafter purely with reference to efficiency without regard to District Synodical representation," we resolve that:

We recognize the impracticability of the present method of creating the Board of Foreign Missions, and that, therefore, any

and all our former action thereon be hereby repealed, and that we approve the Board's recommendation as above stated, but that at least four of the District Synods be represented on the Board.

11. That as touching the Board's manuscript item No. 2 as follows: "Resolved, That the United Synod is hereby requested to construe its former action concerning the ordination of Japanese candidates for the Ministry (see printed Minutes 1914, pp. 32 (4) and 86), That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to ordain to the gospel ministry such native evangelists as our Mission in Japan may recommend for ordination, and whose qualifications shall be found adequate,"—we recommend that the above action be rescinded, and that our missionaries in Japan be instructed to organize themselves into a Conference, and that upon the recommendation of said Conference to any District Synod of the United Synod authority to ordain be given.

12. We recommend for election to the Board of Foreign Missions the following: Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D., Rev. Ewd. Fulenwider, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Mr. J. E. Cooper, Mr. H. L. Bonham.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. J. GONGAWARE,
A. G. VOIGT,
J. J. SCHERER,
J. A. HUFFARD,
J. V. SUTTON,
W. F. ABERLY,
J. H. C. HUITT.

The Special Committee on the papers from Elizabeth College reported. The report was adopted.

No. 25.

Report on Offer of Elizabeth College.

The matter referred to your committee is a proposition from Elizabeth College located at Salem, Va., to transfer said college to this body to be owned and controlled by it in the future. This proposition is supported by overtures from the two synods, viz: the Virginia and Southwestern Virginia, now owning the institution. Other papers of necessary character accompany the proposition. This offer of transfer is made in compliance with a condition made by Rev. C. B. King, D.D., at the time when he presented certain valuable gifts and considerations to Roanoke Woman's College.

Said condition reads as follows: "That the proposed institution be offered to the United Synod of the Lutheran Church at its next

meeting, to be owned and permanently managed by the United Synod."

Your committee has carefully considered this attractive proposition and are deeply appreciative of the same and also of what it would mean to our United Synod to own such an institution for the education of our young women; and we heartily commend it to the attention and support of all our people. But in view of our present educational and financial conditions it is our conviction that it is inexpedient for this body at this time to accept this proposition and assume the ownership of said College.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. BOWERS,
GEO. B. CROMER,
J. LUTHER SIEBER,
J. V. SUTTON,
JNO. A. CLINE.

The Committee on Fraternal Cooperation submitted its report, which was adopted, the last item by a rising vote.

No. 26

Report of Committee on Fraternal Cooperation.

The Committee on Fraternal Cooperation with other general bodies of the Lutheran Church has been mainly occupied during the past biennium with activities of the Joint Quadricentennial Committee in maturing plans and organizing means for the suitable celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation in 1917.

The General or Joint Quadricentennial Committee comprehends the individual official committees of seven general bodies, including the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod, South. The Joint Committee was organized by the election of Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., Chairman, Rev. J. A. Morehead, Secretary, and Hon. John L. Zimmerman, Treasurer. An Executive Cimmittee was also appointed and Sub-committees on Literature and Publicity, Public Meetings, and Finance. These committees have had frequent meetings and it is believed that they are accomplishing much toward making the Celebration of the Quadricentennial adequate by maturing plans and making available material and men for the use of the whole Church.

One of the most important measures of the Joint Committee was the establishment of a Central Bureau at 925 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and the election of Rev. H. R. Gold as Executive Secretary. This Central Bureau, with Mr. Gold in charge and an office force under him, has been in operation during the

greater part of the current year. Here are available for pastors and people suggestions regarding Reformation literature, brief stories or articles about the Reformation to promote publicity, uniform programs, medals, names and subjects of available lecturers, authorized slides and matter for illustrated lectures, and other valuable material and information.

The Finance Committee of the Joint Committee has learned that at least $12,000 will be required to meet the necessary expenses of the bureau, the Executive Secretary and the subcommittees. It is proposed to ask leading laymen of the Church to underwrite this amount by giving $100 each toward financing this notable enterprise of the Church. The proportionate part of the United Synod is the sum of $2,000. It is the earnest and confident hope of your Committee that the laymen of the United Synod may not fail to assume their share of this important work of the American Lutheran Church. Checks should be drawn to the order of Mr. E. Clarence Miller, Chairman of Finance Committee, 314 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

It is the purpose of the Joint Committee to summarize all Quadricentennial Memorial funds, raised by general bodies and district synods for missionary and educational purposes during this period, and report the total as the contribution of the American Lutheran Church. The various branches of the Church of the Reformation in America have undertaken to raise $10,000,000 as the Quadricentennial Memorial Fund. Your Committee suggests that your Committee to Superintend Raising Quadricentennial Fund be continued.

In harmony with action of the Joint Quadricentennial Committee, we recommend:

1. That district synods, cities and communities where several Lutheran Churches exist, and congregations arrange suitable celebrations, jointly when practicable, during the Quadricentennial year, October 31, 1916, to October 31, 1917, with a view to transmitting the more faithfully the heritage of the everlasting gospel for the transformation of the Twentieth Century.

2. That the United Synod hold about October 31, 1917, at a place to be decided upon, a special Quadricentennial Convention for the purpose of celebrating suitably the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation and, with the participation of delegations from other general bodies, of considering the problems of common interest to all American Lutherans with a view to closer cooperation and union.

3. That the General Synod, the General Council, and other bodies be invited through and at the discretion of the United Synod for discussion and action touching common interests on the basis of existing inner unity with a view to closer union and cooperation.

4. That a delegation of seven, of which the regularly elected fraternal delegate or alternate shall be chairman, and a similar number of alternates be appointed to represent this body at the 1917 conventions of the General Synod, the General Council, and any other bodies that may desire such delegations.

5. That the idea of holding in the city of Washington in the year 1918 a national Reformation Conservation Congress be approved.

6. That the United Synod endorse the action of the Joint Committee in emphasizing the importance of placing our *Lutheran Church Visitor* in every home.

7. That the Committee on Fraternal Cooperation to care for Quadricentennial interests of the United Synod in relation to other general bodies be continued.

Your Committee records with very great pleasure the fact that our Board of Publication will make an important contribution to the Quadricentennial by bringing out the "Biblical Dogmatics," the fruit of the mature scholarship of its author, Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., Dean of our Lutheran Theological Seminary at Columbia.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. SCHERER,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
H. A. McCULLOUGH,
L. A. FOX,
W. H. GREEVER,
E. C. CRONK,
A. G. VOIGT,
W. HOPPE.

The Committee on President's Report submitted its report, which was considered by items and adopted.

No. 27.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The President has submitted a most comprehensive and suggestive report. The question propounded relative to the achievements of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as she is rounding out these four hundred years, are pertinent and searching, and may well be seriously pondered by all who love her and labor for her prosperity.

1. With reference to the statement of the President concerning the problems of world interest which will confront the Church upon the restoration of peace among the nations now at war, we would urge the careful study of these problems, from the positive Chris-

tian standpoint, as they may be presented and discussed from time to time in such publications as our official church papers, and the *American Lutheran Survey.*

2. While we are filled with grave concern over the divided state of the Mother Church of Prostestantism, it is, however, a matter of the greater gratification to note the tangible evidence presented by our President of what seems to be a decided trend toward the unification of the synods and general bodies which confess the same faith and bear the same family name. This body manifestly stands ready to contribute its share towards unity of fellowship in word and sacrament on the basis of the common faith which we confess. As a practical exhibition of this spirit, we recommend (a) that a commission on Federation be continued, in cooperation with the Committee on Fraternal Cooperation, and (b) that this commission be authorized to arrange for a series of conferences, beginning in 1917, to be participated in by chosen representatives of such Lutheran bodies as will participate with us in definite cooperative and constructive work.

3. The President calls attention to the large body of Lutheran literature of permanent value called forth, in diverse forms, in connection with the Quadricentennial year of the Reformation, and the wisdom of making provision for its wide dissemination. We would recommend (a) that ceaseless effort be made by our Board of Publication to accomplish this end by every possible agency, and would express our heartiest approval of the practical aim to place the *Lutheran Church Visitor* in every home in every one of our congregations by 1917.

That the President appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to prepare tracts, or to secure their preparation, or the permission to use existing tracts, dealing with subjects connected with the Quadricentennial of the Reformation, and to solicit funds for the publication of such tracts and their *free* distribution.

(b). It is also recommended that the President be authorized to request the Joint Quadricentennial Committee to compile an index of select literature bearing upon the Reformation movement.

4. Considering the new and interesting development in the last few years in the realm of synodical administration, as noted by our President, we recommend that a standing committee on Church Polity be appointed, in the interest of concerted progress and efficiency, whose duty it shall be to study the general subject of church administration, and review the development occurring in this field, and report to this body what they may deem worthy of Synod's consideration.

5. We would recommend that a committee of three laymen be appointed to secure, by private enterprise, if it be found possible and practicable, a suitable resort for Lutherans in the South, at least for the summer of 1917, for the purpose indicated by the President.

6. The President makes mention of the death of the Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D. It is recommended that a committee be appointed to prepare, for insertion in our minutes, a suitable memorial to this honored brother who was for so long a time most closely indentified with the aggressive work of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. K. BELL,
E. FULENWIDER,
I. D. WORMAN,
A. D. R. HANCHER,
R. F. BOWE,
J. H. MARSTELLER,
JOHN A. CLINE.

The report on Home Missions was taken up and adopted.

No. 28.

Report of Committee on Report of Home Mission Board.

There was placed in the hands of your Committee the report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, covering the last biennium, together with an appeal from the council of the church in Birmingham, Ala., and the official correspondence of the President of this body relative to work within the bounds of our District Synods.

The Board held nine meetings with uniformly good attendance and faithful attention to the problems and possibilities of the work. Due care has been exercised in considering the various appeals presented. The limited available income has made it impossible to enter a number of inviting fields. One mission declared itself self-supporting and the hope is expressed that a number of these may attain sufficient strength to declare themselves independent of financial aid in the near future. The fiinancial report shows larger returns than for any previous biennium.

It is with pleasure that we note the generous interest of Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Beck in donating to the Board property located at Lexington, N. C., valued at $250, and also the bequest from

the estate of Mrs. Charlotte E. Lupton, Winchester, Va., of $1,782.68.

We are pleased to notice the progress made in securing the $50,000 as a Permanent Loan Fund and commend this endeavor of the Board in the hope that it may be brought to completion as part of the Quadricentennial Celebration of 1917.

Your Committee would recommend:

1. That we approve of the acts of the Board in designating Septuagesima Sunday as the day in which the claims of the Gospel ministry be presented to our people and also the agreement with the Foreign Mission Board, adopting the suggestion of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, looking toward the contribution of the income of one day from the membership of the Church as a special thankoffering for the cause of missions during the year 1917.

2. That the sum of $25,000 per annum be apportioned to the District Synods for the work of the Board during the next biennium.

3. That the Board be authorized to employ one or more field missionaries in order to meet the need of caring for and gathering our scattered Lutherans in territory needing special attention.

4. The Board recommends a plan by which the principle of unification adopted by the various District Synods may become operative. The plan is that the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, in conjunction with a representative from each District Synod involved, formulate the details under which the mission of the said District Extension of the United Synod, and adopt rules and regulations governing the conduct of the work upon the territory of the said District Synods. We recomment the adoption of their recommendation.

5. An appeal from the council of the congregation in Birmingham, Ala., requesting the privilege of raising $15,000 from the congregations of this body for the purpose of establishing the work and the erection of a church building, came into the hands of the Board after their last meeting and was referred to your committee. In view of the facts presented showing this need so imperative, we recommend that their request be granted according to the terms proposed, and carried out under the directions of the Board.

6. The sentiment is abroad that the interests of this cause would be promoted by a more general representation of the District Synods. Attention has been given this feeling in the formation of the new Board. Your Committee recommends that the following persons be elected to constitute the Board of Home Mission and Church Extension: Revs. C. K. Bell, A. D. R.

Hancher, J. C. Seegers, J. L. Sieber, T. W. Shealy, and Messrs. J. H. Rehder and B. B. Miller.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. FREED,
W. A. DEATON,
W. H. RISER,
H. N. MILLER,
H. L. SNYDER,
H. L. BONHAM,
A. B. GREINER.

The report of the Committee on Board of Education was presented and considered by items. Pending its consideration the Synod took up the question of the place and time of the Quadricentennial meeting of this body.

The Place—Salisbury, N. C.
The Time—About October 31, 1917.

Synod adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock tonight.

TENTH SESSION.

Monday, November 13, 1916, 8 P. M.

Synod was called to order and led in prayer by Rev. D. I. Offman.

Roanoke, Va., was chosen as the place of our next biennial convention, and Tuesday before the third Sunday in November, 1918, the time.

The pending report of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Education was taken up and adopted:

No. 29.

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Education

The Report of the Board of Education gives a most satisfactory presentation of the work done during the past biennium. It shows that the Board has been in close touch with all of the colleges and other educational institutions of the Synod, and extended to them all possible cooperation. The Report shows, also that this Board has been most active in promoting, as far as possible, the great cause of education within our bounds.

We recommend the following:

1. That the acts of the Board be approved.

2. That the sum of one cent per member be apportioned the Synods for the work of the Board each year, as is requested.

3. That the United Synod reaffirm its resolution regarding the last Sunday in May of each year as Education Sunday, on which day special sermons should be preached, services held with the Sunday schools and offerings taken to meet the above apportionments.

4. That the following named persons constitute the Board of Education for the ensuing biennium: Revs. W. Hoppe, L. L. Lohr, J. W. Horine, W. H. Riser, and Drs. G. B. Cromer, and E. W. Peery and Mr. E. S. Dreher.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. J. KREPS,
T. W. SHEALY,
B. S. BROWN,
E. J. SOX,
W. T. STAUFFER,
H. P. LUTZ.

On motion, the Treasurer of this Synod was instructed to pay the Secretary $50 for his services.

The Committee on Church Literature made its report, which was adopted:

No. 30.

Report of Committee on Church Literature.

We, your Committee on Church Literature, beg to submit the following:

The importance of good sound Lutheran literature in the hands of our people to offset that which is so often distributed free by other than our own, and which is often so destructive to Christian faith, remains an imperative need and should always have our prayerful consideration.

The time is opportune as we celebrate the Quadricentennial anniversary of the Reformation to press this vital matter. We urge that the use of books setting forth the Lutheran faith and life—doctrinal, historical and devotional—be emphasized and brought to the attention of our people by the pastors, and would suggest that our Board of Publication furnish from time to time a list of such books as may be had along these lines.

Your Committee notes the gratifying progress made by our pastors and Church Councils to place the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, the official organ of the United Synod, and *Tidings*, in every home of the United Synod and that they press the effort to a consummation. The importance of these periodicals in the development of all church work cannot be overestimated.

We note also another gratifying fact that uniform programs for the Woman's Missionary Societies and Mission Study classes of the three general bodies for the Quadricentennial anniversary of the Reformation are being printed by our Board of Publication in Columbia.

We call attention to the *American Lutheran Survey* as one of the leading religious periodicals of our country. It is an important factor for intensifying the loyalty of our people by giving them a broader vision of our Lutheran Church as a whole; by unifying our forces, by projecting our Reformation principles and practices to the whole Christian world. Therefore we commend it to our pastors and people as worthy of their loyal support.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. D. KINARD,
J. F. CRIGLER,
J. L. CROMER,
T. B. EPTING,
J. H. REHDER,
G. B. MOREHEAD,
T. G. RYDINGSVARD.

The following resolutions were adopted:

No. 31.

Resolved; 1. That the Executive Committee be authorized to prepare a guide for the next Convention of this body, arranging the business of this Convention and indicating the time when reports shall be presented.

2. That all Boards be required to have their reports printed and have copies of the same in the hands of the President at least one week in advance of the meeting of the United Synod.

3. That the President, prior to the convening of this body, appoint committees from the list of accredited delegates, to consider all printed reports so that the reports of these committees may be considered by the Body early in its session.

The Committee on Minutes of Last Convention reported. The report was adopted:

No. 32.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.

On page 71, Item 1, in the Report of the Committee on President's Report, the Standing Committee on Common Sunday School Literature, had referred to it the matter of a uniform

plan for the improvement of Sunday schools, to be suggested to the District Synods by the United Synod. Has this Committee formulated its report? *Yes.*

On page 72, Item 3, President's Report, a committee was appointed to investigate the matter of ministerial support, and report a definite recommendation to this convention. Has this been done? *Yes.*

On page 72, Item 4, President's Report, a special committee was appointed to propose action at this Convention with reference to the attitude of the United Synod toward work among the Negro race in the South. Has this Committee complied? *Yes.*

On page 73, Items 3 and 5, Report of Committee on Fraternal Cooperation, a committee was appointed to superintend the raising of three-quarters of a million dollars as a Quadricentennial Reformation Fund for the various causes of the Church. Has this Committee a report? *Yes.*

On page 79, Item 4, Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions, a representative was appointed to cooperate with representatives of other Lutheran bodies to arrange for a free conference of Lutherans in the United States. Has our representative any report to make? *Committee has made report.*

On page 79, Item 5, a committee was appointed to make alterations in the blank form for statistical reports for congregations. Has this been done? *Yes.*

On page 98, in the report of the Committee on Plan for the Unification of Home Mission Work, the report was referred to the District Synods for action and report at this meeting of Synod. What action has been taken by the District Synods? *Favorable action has been taken by all the Synods.*

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. SCHAEFFER, JR.,
P. E. MONROE,
S. T. SHANK,
A. E. WALTMAN.

The following report on "Conference of Lutherans" was adopted:

No. 33.

Report of Representative on a Conference of Lutherans.

Your representative begs leave to report that during the past biennium none of the General Bodies has taken any steps towards the holding of another Conference of Lutherans.

A. G. VOIGT.

The Committee on Book of Worship and Common Service Book reported. The report was adopted.

No. 34.

Report of Committee on Book of Worship and Common Service Book.

At the last Convention of the United Synod report was made of the agreement entered into with the Board of Publication in regard to the royalty on Books of Worship, which provides that from April 1, 1914, three per cent. of the selling price of all styles of the Book shall be paid into the treasury of the United Synod. (Minutes 1914, page 103.) The chairman of your committee several weeks ago called the attention of Business Manager of the Board of Publication to this agreement. The contract calls for no report to this committee of sales of the Book of Worship. But the report of the Board of Publication will doubtless give to the United Synod the information on this subject which it should receive.

The work which fell to your committee since its last report was rendered has been entirely in connection with the Common Book in preparation in conjunction with other bodies. There have been a number of meetings of the Joint Committee of the three general bodies and frequent meetings of sub-committees. At most of these meetings your committee has been represented by at least one member, if not several.

Two years ago your committee was able to report the prospect of the completion of the Common Book before another convention of this body. That anticipation has been realized. Now it is our privilege and pleasure to report the completion of the Book and the preparation of plates from which it is to be printed. This is not the place to record the labors of the Joint Committee nor even to recite them in brief outline. But it is the duty of your committee to bear testimony to the great amount of painstaking labor and of expert knowledge in liturgics, hymnology and music which have gone into the preparation of this book, and also to the harmony, earnestness and Christian deference which characterized the discussions and conclusions of the Joint Committee. The completion of this Common Book after so many years of labor marks the consummation of the desire and request of the United Synod expressed more than twenty years ago at the convention held in Staunton in 1895 looking to "the securement of a Common Book of Service throughout, including liturgy, ministerial acts and hymns." (Minutes 1895, page 44.) More

than this has been accomplished, for the new book has also common music both for the service and the hymns.

A report of the methods and results of the work of the Joint Committee in detail will not be expected here. But some features of the book as completed should be brought to your notice. The title adopted is *Common Service Book of the Lutheran Church, authorized* by (names of the bodies). An editorial committee has been elected to prepare the book for publication. All editions of the book shall be printed from common plates. The book is not in any sense a perfecting of our present Book of Worship, the hymnal of which (you will remember) is only a proof copy of the unfinished hymnal, printed by special concession of the Joint Committee. It is a new book. The Common Service, the text of which, as agreed upon by the original committee, as found in our Book of Worship, has been revised and slightly altered. The arrangement of the parts of the Common Service is different. The provisional copy of the hymnal, which by courtesy the United Synod was permitted to print for its use, has been so altered by addition and subtraction that a new hymnal was produced. It is not necessary to say that new orders for ministerial acts were prepared. The music edition will be issued first, and it is hoped that it may appear by next Easter. Text editions will follow.

When the book was ready for publication steps were taken by the Joint Committee towards that end. Representatives of the Board of Publication of the General Council, the Publication Society of the General Synod and the Board of Publication of the United Synod were invited to meet with the Editorial Committee of the Joint Committee. The Joint meeting was held on December 13, 1915, our Publication Board being represented. Negotiations were entered into with the F. H. Gilson Company of Boston for the preparation of key-plates. At a subsequent joint meeting of the same parties, but our Board of Publication not being represented, conclusive action was taken in regard to key-plates. The following agreement was made at the "Joint Meeting of the Editorial Committee of the Joint Committee with representatives from the Publication Board of the General Council and the Hymn Book Publication Committee of the General Synod" on May 2, 1916.

AGREEMENT.

"That the General Council Board of Publication and the Lutheran Publication Society make the contract and collect one-seventh of the cost of the plates from the United Synod of the South, the key-plates to remain in possession of the F. H. Gilson Company until the entire completion of the work. After electro-

types have been made therefrom, the said key-plates shall be deposited in the vaults of some responsible Trust Company to be selected jointly by the Joint Committee and the two Boards entering into the contract, to be held in mutal control for the mutual purposes of the said Joint Committee, the said two Boards and the Publication Board of the United Synod of the South, and access to the same to be had only by joint action of the said Joint Committee and two of the three Boards interested in the said plates.

"In turn we understand that the two Boards shall cooperate with the Joint Committee in the supervision and control of the key-plates, but in cases of irreconcilable difference the Editorial Committee shall have the final decision, and the said Boards, together with the Board of Publication of the United Synod of the South, shall have the sole privilege of making printing plates at any time."

It will not be out of place here for correctness of record to note the error in this instrument in the title of this body. It is called "the United Synod of the South." Our legal title is "United Synod in the South."

Attention is also called to the fact that our Publication Board is not a party to this agreement, but the United Synod itself, although provision is made for our Board of Publication to have access to the key-plates, should the United Synod decide at any time to have its own printing plates made.

Your committee through its representative entered into this agreement on behalf of the United Synod. The following record will explain the action of the committee. At its last convention the United Synod adopted the following resolution:

"In view of the probable completion of the labors of the Joint Committee before the next meeting of the United Synod and the consequent need of money to pay for the printing of a proof copy of the complete book, the Synod provide for this contingency and authorize the payment of our proportionate part of such expense, as may be agreed upon by the Joint Committee."

On this authority your committee acted, not however without careful mutual consideration by correspondence and not without the approving judgment of the Executive Committee first obtained.

Accordingly the United Synod is bound for one-seventh of the cost of the key-plates referred to. In order to complete the action of the United Synod last year to provide for this contingency we recommend that the Synod now take action to secure the funds necessary to meet this obligation when payment is called for, and if the money is not in the hands of the Treasurer, that the sum required be borrowed by the United Synod.

In the judgment of your committee it would not be wise for the United Synod at present to have its own electrotypes prepared and to undertake to issue its own editions of the Common Service Book. It will answer all present needs if arrangements are made with one or both of the Northern publishing concerns interested to obtain books from them. Therefore we recommend that the United Synod, reserving its right to publish separate editions of the Common Service Book when it shall deem it proper to do so, instructs its Committee on the Book of Worship and the Common Service Book to make such arrangements through the mediation of our Board of Publication for the sale of the Common Service Book in the territory of the United Synod as in its judgment shall best subserve the interests of the said Synod and the congregations in it.

It devolves upon us also to report the following resolution adopted at a meeting of the Joint Committee in May, 1915:

"Inasmuch as the original designation of the Church in the three œcumenical Creeds and in our Confessions is the "Holy Catholic Church," and in order to bring the liturgical usage of our Church into harmony with our time-honored confessional usage, this Joint Committee of the General Council, General Synod and United Synod requests these General Bodies to authorize the use of the word, "Catholic" instead "Christian" in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds: this change to be made only when adopted by the three bodies."

For information we state that the General Synod rejected the proposed change. (Minutes, 1915, page 163.) The General Council referred it to the synods for an expression of opinion. (Minutes 1915, page 261.)

We have another important resolution to submit for your consideration, which was drawn up by a sub-committee of the Joint Committee by its order. It is as follows:

"Deeply impressed with the necessity of guarding the future integrity of the Common Service Book of the Lutheran Church about to be published, the Joint Common Service Committee earnestly recommends to each of the three General Bodies represented in the Committee the adoption of the following or its equivalent:

"Whereas, it is most important that the three General Bodies which have cooperated in the preparation of the Common Service Book of the Lutheran Church should also unite in guarding the integrity of the book in all future editions, in order to carry out the purpose to secure for our churches a true Common Service Book; therefore

"*Resolved*, That this body agrees not to issue, or authorize the issue of any edition of the said Common Service Book which shall depart in any particular from the original first edition in content

or in general style and make-up, without the consent of all three of the cooperating General Bodies, or their official representatives."

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
E. C. CRONK,
L. A. FOX.

The report of the Committee on Christian Unity was received and adopted.

No. 35.

Report of Committee on Christian Unity.

The duties of this committee, which was created at the last Convention of this body, will be found on page 106 of the Minutes of 1914. The chief duty is to gather information in regard to the progress of Christian Unity in the world through the World Conference on Faith and Order, or any other movement with this high end in view, especially movements within the Lutheran Church in this country.

The World Conference on Faith and Order arranged a successful North American Preparatory Conference at Garden City, Long Island, January 4th to 6th, in which (as we learn from a church paper) were represented thirteen denominations, or more correctly, branches of denominations, among them the General Synod of the Lutheran Church. The sentiment of the Conference crystallized in a statement, the substance of which we here reproduce.

The call of the spirit of Christianity for a world conference is the call of Christ's love for a whole Church to save the whole world. The method is for each communion to think and to act in terms of the whole. The fundamental problems of unity are related to these subjects: 1. The Church, its nature and functions. 2. The catholic creeds. 3. Grace and the sacraments. 4. The ministry. 5. Subject to these primary subjects are three practical questions: a) A clergy that may be regarded as regular by all. b) Intercommunion of believers. c) Sufficient administrative coordination.

From this statement it is evident that the underlying idea of unity in this Conference was that of the Protestant Episcopal Church. As the movement had its origin in that communion and receives its fostering care chiefly from it, this is natural.

If there have been any other movements of this character during the last biennium, they have escaped our notice. The Federal Council of Churches may be passed by as not being a movement

in Church Unity, but in practical cooperation, especially in social work. But we desire to give emphasis to an enterprise of united Christian effort, the importance of which has been stressed in our own church papers. We refer to the Panama Congress, which met February 10th to 19th of this year. It was a Congress on Christian Work in Latin America, in which fourteen denominations were represented. Five Lutheran delegates were present, three from the General Council and two from the General Synod. This was not an effort to bring about Christian Unity. But such free cooperation among Christian workers from different bodies in the great world-problems that confront Christianity will probably bring the divided portions of Christianity together more effectually than projects of Christian union.

In our own household of the faith in this country one auspicious healing of a long-standing division has been effected in the union of the several Norwegian bodies. Rejoicing in the union of the Norwegian Synod, the United Norwegian Church and the Hauge Synod, which is to be consummated in the coming Reformation Quadricentennial year, we note with sadness the latest information that this union may possibly lead to a new schism.

A notable effort to bridge over the divisions in the Lutheran Church in this country emanated from the Joint Synod of Ohio in 1914. In response to a call issued by the Rev. C. H. L. Schuette, D.D., President of the body named, a meeting of fifteen presidents of synods or their substitutes was held in Toledo on April 14, 1915, at which a tentative constitution for a Federation of Lutheran Churches in the United States was approved. The president of one of our own district synods, Rev. C. K. Hunton, President of the Southwestern Virginia Synod, participated in this meeting. We have not learned of any further developments from this promising beginning.

As a gratifying concluding paragraph of this report we note that the action of this body at its last convention on federation, asking the appointment of commissions by the General Council, the General Synod and other bodies interested, was reported to the first named body, was favorably considered by it, and a commission on Lutheran Unity, consisting of the Executive Committee of the General Council, was appointed. We were not able to find anything on this subject in the Minutes of the last convention of the General Synod, whether this is due to oversight on our part or to failure of our action being reported to that body. However, the "historic spirit" of the General Synod, so suitably referred to in its favorable action on the Federation movement, that started from the Ohio Synod, also contains the promise that our feeling out for federation will meet with a

cordial response from the General Synod, when once our overture comes before that body, if it has not already met that response.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
J. C. SEEGERS.

The following was also adopted:

No. 36.

Lutheran Federation in America.

Whereas, There appear to be movements, of varied origin, that are looking to the Federation of the Lutheran bodies of America, these movements having originated in earnest desires to attain more fraternal relations and more cooperation on the part of the Lutheran bodies of America:

Resolved, That the United Synod highly appreciates the fraternal spirit on the part of the Joint Synod of Ohio and others which has led to these movements; and further,

Resolved, That the representatives of the United Synod, on its appropriate Committees and Commission, be directed, at their discretion, to use their influence to have such movements directed and unified for the better accomplishment of the proposed federation and cooperative work, looking towards the ultimate unification of the Lutheran interests and bodies in our country.

On motion, the former Committee on Book of Worship and Common Service Book was appointed the Commission on Federation.

The report of Commission on Federation was received and adopted.

No. 37.

Report of Commission on Federation.

The Commission on Federation begs leave to report:

First. That it has been studiously mindful of the purpose of the United Synod in appointing it, and has carefully observed events and conditions relating to the subject of federation among Lutherans in America.

Second, That there has been noted a deep and almost universal desire for some outward and effective expression of inward unity.

Third, That, owing chiefly to steps taken by another of our Lutheran bodies very soon after the adjournment of the United Synod, it was deemed wise by your committee, in the interest of the very object for which it was appointed, to defer action and await developments until the convention of this body.

Fourth, It is noted with pleasure that the action of the United Synod on Federation at its last convention was reported to the General Council by its official visitor and was favorably received.

Fifth. Your Commission recommends that the President of Synod be instructed to communicate the resolution of this body, adopted at its last Convention (Minutes 1914, page 79), to such other bodies as in his judgment are likely to be interested in it.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. SCHERER,
A. G. VOIGT,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
W. HOPPE,
H. A. McCULLOUGH,
W. H. GREEVER,
L. A. FOX,
E. C. CRONK.

The report of the Committee on Sunday School Literature was received and adopted.

No. 38.

Report of Committee on Common Sunday School Literature.

This Committee met at an early date following the meeting of the United Synod in Columbia and organized by the election of W. H. Greever, Chairman, and H. A. McCullough, Secretary.

The members of this committee were duly recognized as representatives of the United Synod, at a meeting of the Joint Committee held at Philadelphia, May 3-4, 1915. This Joint Committee is composed of representatives of the General Synod, the General Council, the Joint Synod of Ohio, and the United Synod in the South.

Following the temporary organization of the Joint Committee attention was given to a basis for practical cooperation. After much discussion agreement was reached and the permanent organization effected by the election of Dr. F. H. Knubel, of New York, Chairman, and Rev. H. A. McCullough of our committee, Secretary. At that meeting two committees were appointed, one on the business basis for the proposed joint publications, which

committee is composed of Dr. F. L. Sigmund and D. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., of Philadelphia, Mr. A. H. Dornbirer, of Columbus, Ohio, and W. H. Greever, of our committee. The other committee, on theory of grading, is composed of Dr. F. H. Knubel, of New York, Dr. T. E. Schmauk, of Lebanon, Pa., Rev. J. S. Sheatsley, of Columbus, Ohio, and Dr. W. Hoppe of our committee.

These two committees have held several meetings in this biennum, as have subcommittees, constituted by them, and much work has been accomplished.

The business basis has been agreed upon in outline, and its principles defined, leaving the details to be supplied when the time for publication arrives, and proper legal contract can be drawn. The general principle is that of equal partnership, involving equal liabilities and profits.

The committee on the theory of grading held its longest meeting July 18-20, 1916, in Philadelphia, resulting in agreement on the general outline of grades and texts to be submitted for consideration to the Joint Committee at a later date. It is expected that the Joint Committee will hold its next meeting about the middle of January, 1917.

The work outlined would require something like ten years for its completion. The Joint Committee believes it possible to have the first grade ready by the end of 1917, and that one grade can be provided for each succeeding year.

It is the intention of the Joint Committee to arrange for the introduction of this new system without seriously interfering with the work of our Sunday schools, as at present constituted.

Our committee has given attention also to the general Sunday school work within the United Synod itself, according to instruction given by the Synod. Our secretary has corresponded with those in charge of the Sunday School Normals of the United Synod with reference to coordination and cooperation in work, and through his instrumentality a meeting of the presidents of these Normals was held in Charlotte, N. C., early last year, at which meeting general outlines for courses and programs was agreed upon. Successful normals have been held this year in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, the North Carolina Synod, the South Carolina Synod, the Virginia Synod, the South West Virginia Synod, the Tennessee Synod, and the Georgia Synod participating. The work of unifying and coordinating this work is in progress under your committee.

Your committee asks:

1. That you approve of its acts during the biennum.
2. That the United Synod continue its representation on the Joint Committee, and that the committee appointed by this body

for this purpose be clothed with authority to act for the United Synod in the progress of this work.

3. That the United Synod authorize its Treasurer to pay all necessary expenses connected with the prosecution of this work by this committee, including the proportionate part of the general expenses incurred by the Joint Committee which according to the present understanding is one-fourth. In this connection we report that the United Synod should assume at this time the payment of $67.50 on account of the expense already incurred by the Joint Committee.

4. That the United Synod continue its supervision over its own Sunday School work along the lines now open.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER,
W. HOPPE,
H. A. McCULLOUGH.

The Committee to Nominate Fraternal Delegates to other general bodies reported, which was adopted.

No. 39.

Fraternal Delegates.

Your committee to nominate Fraternal Delegates to other general bodies begs to suggest the following:

1. To the General Council—Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., principal; Rev. L. A. Fox, D.D., alternate.

2. To the General Synod—Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., principal; Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D., alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. L. LINGLE,
D. I. OFFMAN,
E. H. COPENHAVER.

The following Committee on Sunday School Literature was appointed: Revs. W. H. Greever, W. Hoppe, H. A. McCullough and J. W. Horine.

The Board of Deaconesses and Inner Mission Work reported. Adopted.

No. 40.

Report of Board of Deaconesses and Inner Mission Work.

At the last meeting of the United Synod successors to the members composing this Board were not elected. We, therefore,

did not assume the responsibilities of the same, but on October 25, 1916, the President of the United Synod notified us that according to analogy in standing resolution three (Minutes, 1914, page 111), we automatically became our own successors; or rather, we continued in office by virtue of no election. Owing to this condition this Board has held no meeting, and has transacted no business.

We, however, recommend to the United Synod:

That a Board of Deaconess and Inner Mission work be continued, and that its members be elected at this session.

W. H. GREEVER,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
GEO. B. CROMER,
J. E. COOPER.

The report of Committee to Superintend the raising of Quadricentennial Fund was received and adopted, and the Committee was discharged.

No. 41.

Report of Committee to Superintend Raising of Quadricentennial Fund.

This Committee, appointed by the United Synod at its meeting in Columbia, S. C., in 1914, has held such meetings as circumstances indicated, but owing to conditions created by the European War, has nothing definite to report at this meeting. We have published a request that all Institutions, Boards, and Synods planning to raise special funds in commemoration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation would notify us of such plans; but up to this time only one such purpose has been officially reported. We have understood that all special campaigns were practically suspended and that the various institutions and causes are waiting till after this meeting of the United Synod before prosecuting their plans further.

We recommend that a committee be appointed at this time to cooperate in the work referred to this committee at the time of its appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER,
J. E. COOPER.

(A. H. Snider, absent).

Resolved, That the members of the Executive Committee constitute a committee to make arrangements for the Reformation celebration to be held in Salisbury in 1917.

The following was adopted:

No. 42.

Resolved, That the delegations appointed to represent the United Synod at the meetings of the General Synod and General Council for 1917 be constituted the committee on program for the day of discussion and action looking to federation at the special meeting of the United Synod for 1917.

The following Committee was appointed to nominate the delegates provided for in this action: Rev. H. A. Kistler and Messrs. H. E. Dreeson and J. H. Marsteller.

The Committee on Memorial of Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., was instructed to prepare and hand said Memorial to the Secretary of this Synod for publication in our minutes.

No. 43.

Report of Committee on Memorial to Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D.

The Committee appointed to prepare for insertion in the minutes a suitable memorial to Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., adopted as its report the action taken by the United Synod in sustaining the following recommendation of the Committee on the report of the Board of Foreign Missions:

"We recommend that the United Synod adopt as its official tribute to the late Dr. Holland the chaste sketch of the life and the loving estimate and appreciation of his work and character as formulated by the Board, and that an appropriately marked page of the printed minutes of this convention be reserved in the said tribute."

M. O. J. KREPS,
A. G. VOIGT,
J. W. HORINE.

No. 44.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the practice of proxy be not only discouraged, but discountenanced.

The report of the Committe on Lowman Home was presented and adopted:

No. 45 and 45a.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Lowman Home for the Aged and Helpless.

The Board elected by the United Synod to receive the Lowman Home for the Aged and Helpless from the South Carolina Synod, and to direct its work, met February 9th, 1915, and organized by electing Dr. W. H. Greever, President, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Secretary, and Dr. W. P. Cline, Treasurer and Superintendent; the latter to continue under the South Carolina Synod until the transfer of property was made, and then to succeed himself under the United Synod Board. The South Carolina Synod at its meeting in 1915 made the provision for the legal transfer of this property. The transfer has been actually completed, as deed of transfer accompanying this report, will show. This deed has just been completed. We submit its following statements as information.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

This property consists of nine hundred and seventy-three acres of land divided into a number of tracts lying within the neighborhood of White Rock, South Carolina, all within two miles of the C. N. & L. Railroad. From two hundred and fifty to three hundred acres are arable land, balance timber.

STATEMENT.

973 acres of land	$22,156 00
Improvements thereon	3,700 00
Waterworks	275 00
One steam engine	300 00
Saw mill and cotton gin	150 00
Seven head of mules	775 00
Note secured by mortgage on mule	128 00
Farm inplements	150 00
Provisions on farm	665 00
Cotton on hand (5068 lbs.)	962 93
Household furniture	75 00
Rent still due (1060 lbs. cotton)	195 46
Cotton in field (estimated)	250 00
Supplies due by tenants	215 00
Cotton on hand (355 lbs.) payment on supplies	67 45
Hogs	65 00
Cattle	105 00
Total	$30,234 84

LIABILITIES.

Note to P. C. Price	$ 605 00
Note to Rev. C. W. Cassell	510 00
Note to B. A. Whitner	550 00
Note to Jas. F. Lown	570 00
Note to Mrs. M. J. Burke	600 00
Note to Carolina Life Ins. Co.,	100 00
Note to Palmetto National Bank	2,000 00
Note to Carolina National Bank	188 00
Note to S. C. Trust and Loan Co., Charleston, S. C.	250 00
Note to Roberts and Hiller	220 00
Interest due Mrs. Lowman (estimated)	200 00
Legal fee (balance)	50 00
Note to Carolina National Bank	1,000 00
Account due W. P. Cline (bal. on salary and money advanced)	1,018 17
Account for fertilizer for 1916	100 00
Total	$7,961 17

SUMMARY.

Assets	$30,234 98
Liabilities	7,861 17
Total	$22,373 81

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.

Cash from contributions	$ 417 77
Cash from sale of produce	294 28
Money borrowed at Bank	945 02
Money advanced	592 88
Sale of cotton	624 05
Sale of produce to tenants	31 91
Cash advanced	94 15
	$3,000 06

EXPENDITURES.

Supplies for farm and home	$ 336 57
Supplies for tenants	307 56
Paid for labor	588 20
Paid on notes and interest	840 50
Legal fee	50 00
Monument for Jesse Lowman	66 51

Mrs. Lowman (interest)	100 00
Insurance	41 40
Farm implements and furniture	25 00
Paid on Superintendent's salary	644 32
	$3,000 06

From these statements it appears that the financial condition has improved since the statement made to the United Synod two years ago.

At the present there are four inmates in the Home—three women and one man. During the past year we have had at least six applications to the Home which had to be refused for lack of room and resources. How many more worthy applicants might have come to us, we can not tell, had our doors been actually opened to the many needy.

OUR NEEDS.

We need more buildings, so that we can open our doors to those who may apply to us for help. We need annual contributions in order to develop the land estate that it may become more profitable to the institution, and to make improvements yearly so as to gradually make the institution serve the purpose for which it was founded.

In view of these conditions the Board requests the United Synod to authorize it to raise $10,000, if possible, as needed for enlargement, and the payment of the present indebtedness, and further requests that each congregation within the bounds of the United Synod make one contribution annually to this institution.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER,
A. B. GREINER,
M. J. EPTING,
P. H. HALTIWANGER,
JNO. A. CLINE,
P. C. PRICE,
C. W. CASSELL,
ENOCH HITE,
KENNETH BAKER.

Report of Committee on Board of Lowman Home.

Your Committee on Lowman Home hereby expresses gratification at the fact that financial conditions have improved in the affairs of the Home since last convention of this body. We express the hope that all our people may more and more appreciate the

value of the institution and feel prompted to respond to the worthy appeals of the Home. The Board requests the United Synod to authorize it to go before the Church to raise $10,000 to pay indebtedness and for enlargement of the usefulness of the Home.

1. We recommend that authority be given it to undertake the raising of this amount above named from individuals and churches that may be led to respond to appeals made by the Board.

2. We recommend that the deed accompanying this report be properly recorded and turned over to proper party.

3. We recommend that each Sunday school and congregation be requested to make one collection annually for the home.

4. We nominate the following persons as directors of the Lowman Home: Revs. W. H. Greever, Enoch Hite, C. W. Cassell, M. J. Epting and Messrs. P. C. Price, Kenneth Baker, P. H. Haltiwanger, Jno. A. Cline, Dr. A. B. Greiner.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. KINARD,
W. J. FINCK,
F. K. ROOF,
A. R. BECK,
J. W. JENNY,
J. F. NEAS.

The following was adopted:

No. 46.

Resolutions of Thanks.

Resolved. 1. That the United Synod expresses its grateful appreciation of the most hospitable manner in which this body has been entertained by the pastors and people of St. Paul's and St. Matthew's congregations.

2. That we appreciate the courtesy of the city press in the prominent notices of our sessions, the Bell Telephone Company for special services and Mr. W. J. Craig of the Passenger Traffic Department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company for his interest in the matter of rates for this Convention.

The following committees were on nomination, elected:

No. 47.

Fraternal Delegates in 1917.

TO MEETING OF GENERAL SYNOD AT CHICAGO, ILL.

Principals.	*Alternates.*
Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D.
Rev. T. B. Epting,	Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr.
Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D.,	Rev. R. L. Fritz, D.D.
Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D.,	Rev. W. C. Davis.
Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D.,	Rev. J. C. Peery,
Mr. J. H. Rehder,	Mr. Jacob Umlauf.
Mr. J. M. Rhodes,	Mr. D. N. Akard.

TO MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Principals.	*Alternates.*
Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D.	Rev. L. A. Fox, D.D.
Rev. F. B. Clausen,	Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D.
Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D.	Rev. W. Hoppe, D.D.
Rev. Edw. Fulenwider,	Rev. E. C. Cronk, D.D.
Rev. H. N. Miller, Ph.D.	Mr. P. C. Price.
Mr. J. H. Marsteller,	Mr. Geo. Heyer.
Mr. J E. Cooper,	Mr. Jno. A. Cline.

Respectfully submitted,
H. A. KISTLER,
HENRY E. DREESON,
J. H. MARSTELLER.

Special Committees.

The following committees were appointed:

On Church Polity—Revs. A. G. Voigt, L. G. M. Miller and J. C. Seegers.

On Summer Resort—Messrs, J. M. Rhodes, J. S. Mauney and C. M. Polvogt.

On Tracts—Revs. C. K. Bell, C. A. Freed, and Mr. J. E. Cooper.

Resolved, That the President of Synod be authorized to substitute for or add to the delegates elected to attend the convention of the General Council and of the General Synod in 1917; and that the chairman of the respective delegations have authority to enroll as delegates any members of the United Synod who may be present at either of the conventions referred to.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have 4,000 copies of the proceedings of this Convention printed for free distribution.

The Minutes of the several sessions of today were read, and approved.

The Synod then adjourned, and was closed by the President, using the form provided in our Book of Worship.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is—to the best of my knowledge and belief—a correct and faithful record of the proceedings of the Fifteenth Biennial Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, held in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wilmington, N. C., November 9-13, 1916.

S. T. HALLMAN, Secretary.

Spartanburg, S. C., November 14, 1916.

Standing Resolutions.

June 26, 1886, to November 14, 1916.

1. 1886, p. 54. *Delegates' Expenses*: That the District Synods are hereby requested to pay the necessary expenses of their respective delegates to this and succeeding conventions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

2. 1900, p. 101. *Theological Seminary Board Vacancies, How Filled*: That in the event of any vacancy in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary by death, resignation, removal from the territory of the Synod, or otherwise, such vacancy may be filled by the Board; and that the said Board shall be elected at every regular meeting of this body.

3. 1902, p. 76. *Acceuts Charter of Board of Missions—Election of Board*: That this body accepts the charter granted by the Legislature of South Carolina to our Board of Missions and Church Extension; and that the members of said Board shall be elected by this body at each of its regular conventions, and should this United Synod fail at any such conventions to elect members of said Board, then the members last elected shall hold over and be empowered to act until their successors shall be elected by the United Synod.

Vacancies in, How Filled: 1904, p. 117: That if a vacancy occurs in the Board of Missions during the interim between meetings of the United Synod, the vacancy shall be filled by the President of the United Synod.

Several Funds of Board of Missions (1906): That the Board of Missions and Church Extension be directed to maintain three funds, viz.: Foreign Mission Fund, Home Mission Fund, and Church Extension Fund, and that these funds be increased by said Board in harmony with the other actions of this body, and in response to the demands of the work. (Note—Modified by the creation of two Boards).

4. 1904, p. 90. *Revenue of Synod—How Raised*: That to provide funds for the necessary expenses of this body an annual assessment of 2 cents per member be laid upon the District Synods, beginning with this convention, and that each District Synod is requested to forward to the Treasurer of this body its first annual assessment at or within three months after its annual convention. (1916 made 2 cents per member.)

5. 1904, p. 118. *Offerings—How Appropriated*: That offerings hereafter made at the sessions of this Synod be appropriated as follows: On the occasions of the presentations of the several causes of synod the offerings shall be devoted, unless otherwise ordered, to cause, or causes, presented.

6. 1906, p. 94. *Prayer for Theological Seminary*: That this Board recommend that the United Synod shall designate the Sunday which will be observed as Reformation Day as a day of special prayer in behalf of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

7. 1906, p. 96. *Official Visitors—Expenses to be Paid*: That this Board recommend that the United Synod pay the expenses of its official visitors to the General Council and General Synod. That the President of this body be empowered to certify official visitors to the General Council and General Synod, whenever the principal and alternate are unable to attend.

8. 1906, p. 45. *Bible Distribution*: We recommend that, as tangible evidence of our interest, a collection be taken annually in our churches for the work.

9. 1904, p. 124. *Divorce*: The attitude of the Church of Christ in regard to the sacredness of the marriage bond and its indissoluble character should be made clear and unmistakable. In view of the revival of the agitation of this subject in this country, it is proper that the United Synod should give utterance to what it believes is the teaching of the Scriptures, and that in terms unequivocal.

In the purview of the State marriage is a civil contract and nothing more. Decrees of divorce affect such contract only in its civil aspect. Therefore an annulment by the State of the bonds of marriage can have no binding effect upon the conscience of the Church of Christ, which resting upon the Holy Scriptures, recognizes in marriage an institution ordained of God and hedged about with divine sanctions and limitations.

While the Church can not but look with disfavor upon the facility with which the bonds of marriage are dissolved under the laws of the State, because of its natural effect in begetting a perverted view of the character of the marital bond, yet it is not in our province to dictate to the State how it shall deal with this subject viewed as simply a contract between citizens of the commonwealth. It is our duty, however, as churchmen to consider marriage as more than a civil contract and to so act as to emphasize its divine and Scriptural character.

The special function of the Church therefore is to inculcate by faithful teachings, proper sentiments as to the sacredness of the marriage relation as of divine sanction, and through its ministry to testify to the indissolubleness of the marital bond by declining to officiate at remarriage of divorced parties while both are living.

Viewed in the light of Scripture, marriage is an engagement as long as both parties do live, and the vow prescribed in the ritual so affirms. While for one specified cause and perhaps

also for willful desertion, there may be a proper dissolution of that bond and of all obligations growing out of such marriages, (there is no Scriptural warrant for either party to remarry, while the other is living; therefore no minister of the Church of Christ should officiate at the remarriage of divorced parties, unless he is assured that the marriage bond has been dissolved by God Himself—that is, by the death of one of the parties.) The clause in parenthesis is qualified by the action of 1908.—Secretary.

1908, pp. 45, 46. *Divorce—Qualification*: At the ninth convention of this body a series of propositions on Divorce and Remarriage was submitted for consideration at the following convention (Min. IX. Conv., p. 124). At the last convention these propositions were simply ordered to be reprinted (Min. X. Conv., p. 72).

The United Synod now expresses its judgment in regard to these propositions as follows:

They contain a timely and forceful statement of the sanctity of marriage and the evils of divorce, now unhappily so widely prevalent. But they require qualification so as to recognize the right of the innocent party to remarry.

The dissolution of the marriage bond for reasons explicitly recognized by our Lord and in Scripture must be regarded as sanctioned by God Himself, and the innocent party "is not under bondage in such cases" (1. Cor. 7:15). There is nothing in Scripture to forbid such marriages of the innocent party, for the passages, Matt. 5:32; 19:9; Mk. 10:11, 12; Lu. 16:18, imply that there was no true dissolution of marriage. Accordingly the Smalkald Articles (Jacob's translation, p. 35) declare: "Unjust also is the tradition which forbids an innocent person to marry after divorce."

10. p. 7, 1912. *Titles*: Hereafter all titles of ministers shall be omitted from the body of our Minutes, except on the Roll of Synod and in recording names of officers elected.

11. 1910, pp. 82, 89, 102. *Periods of Offerings*: That October be adopted as Home Mission month in all our churches.

The Reformation season be adopted as Home Mission period in all our Sunday schools.

That the Epiphany season be recognized as Foreign Mission Festival in all our congregations; and that "April Japan Day" be designated as the season for special offerings for the Japan Mission in all our Sunday schools.

That all the Sunday schools of the United Synod be urged to set apart at least one Sunday during the year, to be known as Orphan Home Sunday, and that offerings be taken for the sup-

port of the Home; when suitable, such offerings to be taken during the summer months.

12. 1910, p. 101. *Mission Reports—When Made*: That the Boards of Home Missions, of Foreign Missions and of Publication shall submit their reports in printed form at the first session of each convention of the United Synod; and that these reports be referred to appropriate committees at once, and that these be presented in connection with the report of these committes.

13. 1914. The following resolutions, adopted in 1900, p. 95, were ordered inserted among Standing Resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we recognize with sincerest pleasure the attendance at this Convention of so large a delegation from among our brethren of the Tennessee Synod.

Resolved, 2. That their delegation be fraternally requested to use such efforts as may seem best to them, and as they concientiously can, to secure, on the part of their entire body, clerical and lay, harmonious cooperation in carrying forward all the general interests of the United Synod.

Resolved, 3. That in view of the position heretofore occupied by the Tennessee Synod with regard to full and active cooperation with this body, this United Synod does now assure the Tennessee Synod that it is most sincerely desirous, in the prosecution of our common work, that nothing may be done calculated to burden the consciences of the brethren of any of our Synods. All our Synods are founded on the Word of God, and the Confessions of the Church in accordance with it, and all are equally bound to frame their practice and fulfill their duty in accordance with a candid and conscientious conviction of the true and proper sense of that Word, and our Confessions on it founded.

Charter of the Board of Home Missons and Church Extension

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA—EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

Whereas, R. A. Yoder, Lincolnton, N. C., and W. H. Riser, Norfolk, Va., two or more of the officers or agents appointed to supervise or manage the affairs of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod, which has been duly and regularly organized, did on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1909, file with the Secretary of State a written declaration setting forth:

That a meeting of the aforesaid organization held, pursuant to the by-laws or regulations of the said corporation, they were authorized and directed to apply for incorporation.

That the said organization holds, or desires to hold, property in common for religious, educational, social, fraternal, charitable or other eleemosynary purpose, or any two or more of said purposes, and is not organized for the purpose of profit or gain to the members, otherwise than is above stated, or for the insurance of life, health, accident or property; and that three days' notice in *The State*, a newspaper published in the County of Richland, has been given that the aforesaid declaration would be filed.

And whereas, That said Declaration and Petition further declared and affirmed:

First. Their names and residences are as above given.

Second. The name of the proposed corporation is the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod.

Third. The place at which it proposes to have its headquarters or be located is Columbia, S. C.

Fourth. The purpose of the said proposed corporation is to conduct and manage the work of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, as shall from time to time be authorized and directed by the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South; the members of the said corporation to be elected by the said United Synod as its rules shall require. And with the power to acquire, hold, manage, convey and mortgage property, real and personal, as authorized by law.

Fifth. The names and residences of all Managers, Trustees, Directors or other officers are as follows: Rev. R. A. Yoder, D.D., president; Rev. W. H. Riser, secretary; John M. Rhodes, treasurer.

Sixth. That they desired to be incorporated in perpetuity.

Now, therefore, I, R. M. McCown, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested, by Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby declare the said organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the limitations and liabilities conferred by said Chapter XLVII, Article II, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto.

GIVEN UNDER My Hand and the Seal of the State, at Columbia, this 12th day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand and nine hundred and nine and in the one hundredth and thirty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

(Seal)

R. M. McGOWN,
Secretary of State.

Recorded in office of Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, for Richland County, S. C., this 17th day of March, 1909, in Corporation Book at page 295 and certified to by

J. F. WALKER, C. C. C. P. and G. S.

Charter of the United Synod

(Statutes at Large of South Carolina, Vol. XX, page 784.)

No. 512. AN ACT to incorporate the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same: That all those persons who now or may hereafter become members of the "United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South" be, and the same are hereby, declared a body politic and corporate by the name and style of "The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South."

Sec. 2. That the said society shall be able and capable in law and equity to have, hold, and receive, enjoy, possess, and retain, all such property, real and personal, as they may now be possessed of in any wise entitled to, or which shall have been or shall hereafter be given, bequeathed, or in any way acquired, and to sell, alien, or otherwise part with the same or any part thereof, as they shall deem proper or expedient.

Sec. 3. That the said society shall by its proper name have succession of officers and members, to be chosen according to the rules and by-laws made or to be made for its government and direction; and shall have power and authority to make rules, regulations, and by-laws not repugnant to the laws of the land, and to have, keep, and use a common seal, and the same to change and alter at will: to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law; and to have and enjoy all the rights and privileges incident or belonging to incorporated bodies.

Approved December 24, A. D. 1890.

Sunday Services.

St. Paul's Church—11:00 a. m., Altar Service by Rev. F. B. Clausen, with sermon by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr.

At 3:45 p. m., Woman's Missionary Conference Service, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps presiding. Address by Mr. H. Inadomi, Japanese student at Roanoke College. His fine address, on "Through Darkness Into Light," was listened to with very great interest, and the offering was $60.00.

At 8 p. m., Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., address on Modern Education and the Reformation; followed by Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., on Permanency of the Lutheran Church.

St. Matthew's Church—11 a. m., sermon by Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D.; address by Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D.

At 8 p. m., sermon by Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D.

Note: Other pulpits were occupied by members of the Synod, but, since only two were reported to the secretary, it was thought best not to publish any of them.

List of Visiting Ministers

Rev. John C. Peery, Salem, Va.
Rev. C. Brown Cox, Marion, Va.
Rev. John W. Horine, D.D., Columbia, S. C.
Rev. Chas. K. Hunton, Salem, Va.
Rev. R. H. Cline, Stephens City, Va.
Rev. Wm. Lee Hunton, Ph.D., Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D., Selinsgrove, Pa.
Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., Baltimore, Md.
Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D., Kumamoto, Japan.
Rev. R. S. Patterson, D.D., Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. E. C. Cronk, D.D., Columbia, S. C.
Rev. W. P. Cline, D.D., Irmo, S. C.
Rev. V. Y. Boozer, Leesville, S. C.
Rev. W. P. Cline, Jr., Birmingham, Ala.

Note: No doubt there were other visiting ministers in attendance, but their names were not given to the Secretary.

In Memoriam

ROBERT CHRISTIAN HOLLAND

1840-1915

THE UNITED SYNOD and the Board of Foreign Missions suffered an irreparable loss, humanly speaking, in the death of the President of the Board, Rev. Robert Christian Holland, D.D., which occurred in Columbia, S. C., November 17, 1915. He was born in Staunton, Virginia, April 30, 1840, was an alumnus of Roanoke College, served with distinguished fidelity in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, studied law at the University of Virginia but later entered the Gospel ministry of the Lutheran Church, and soon rose to unusual prominence as a pulpit orator of the first rank, a faithful pastor, a judicious counsellor, a wise executive. After serving for many years as pastor of the leading congregations in the Virginias and the Carolinas he was elected successfully President of the Board of Missions and Church Extension (1904-1905), President and Missionary Superintendent of the same Board (1905-1908), and President and General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions (1908-1915), thus giving eleven years of conspicuous and successful service to the United Synod in the direct cause of missions.

Doctor Holland was an extraordinary man. A born leader, he was ever ready to accept the challenge of duty, undaunted by difficulties and unmoved by obstacles, always standing "four-square to every wind that blew," a man of ardent soul, of unfaltering faith, mighty in prayer, hopeful and persistent when others seemed to question and to quail, never for a moment doubtful of the issue in the great conflict. Often he saw the travail of his soul and was satisfied.

Under the leadership of Doctor Holland, supported by a devoted constituency, our work in Japan attained remarkable growth and expansion. In the opening of new stations, sending out additional missionaries, establishing educational institutions, erecting church, school and other buildings, and in planning and inaugurating women's work, whereby giving them a personal place and an active part in the mission program, he in humility and general self-forgetfulness built a monument in Japan that will abide until the end of time and become radiant with the glory of the Lord in the day of coronation.

Doctor Holland enjoyed the affection and confidence of the Church in the highest degree. A feeling of inexpressible sorrow was felt throughout the United Synod when it became known that he was on earth no more. From across the sea the Mission Conference in Japan voiced their deep grief and keen sense of loss; the native Christians made known to us their sorrow and their sympathy and their esteem of him whom not having seen they loved; the Board adopted and published resolutions of tribute to their fallen chieftain; and it is now the privilege of the United Synod in its Fifteenth Convention to place in its permanent record its appreciation of the worth and service of him who for many years was the leading champion of its missionary activities. God calls His workmen from labor to eternal rest; but the work must go on to blessed consummation.

Proceedings

OF THE

Sixth Biennial Convention of the Woman's Missionary Conference

Of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

WILMINGTON, N. C., NOV. 9-12, 1916

Official Program

Thursday, November 9th.—10:15 A. M.—Communion Service with the United Synod.

2:30 P. M.—Prayer Service. Enrollment and Seating of Delegates. "Welcome to Wilmington." Responses by President and Chairmen of Delegations: Miss Wilhelmina Rock, for North Carolina; Mrs. H. E. Dreeson, for Georgia; Mrs. J. G. Bringman, for Southwestern Virginia; Mrs. J. H. Wyse, for Virginia; Mrs. T. B. Epting, for Mississippi; Mrs. E. H. Kohn, for Tennessee; Mrs. R. F. Bowe, for South Carolina; Mrs. W. J. Caldwell, for the Holston Synod. Greetings from United Synod, General Synod, General Council. President's Address. Announcement of Committees.

7:30 P. M.—Meeting of Executive Committee.

8 P. M.—United Synod Addresses.

Friday, November 10th.—9:30 A. M.—Prayer Service. Reports. Executive Committee, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Advisory Committee to Mission Boards. "Needs and Opportunities in the Home Field"—Dr. R. S. Patterson. "Needs and Opportunities in Japan"—Dr. Chas. L. Brown.

2:30 P. M.—Prayer Service. Report and Discussion of Departmental Work: Mission Study, Literature, Thank Offering, Synodical Problems, Mrs. H. C. Bell.

4:30 P. M.—Missionary Play, "The Song They Sang."

7:30 P. M.—Stereopticon Address, "The Women of the Orient."

8 P. M.—United Synod Addresses.

Saturday, November 11th.—9:30 A. M.—Report and Discussion of Departmental Work: Life Membership, Junior Work, Young People's Work, Student Session. Seven Minute Talks from Students: Mont Amoena, Marion, Lenoir, Elizabeth, Summer-

land. Address: "Tomorrow for the Lutheran Student"—Miss Annette Kahler, Student Secretary, Buffalo. Reports.

Sunday, November 12th.—11 A. M.—Chief Service with United Synod. 3:45 P. M.—Address: "Through Darkness Into Light"—Mr. Hajime Inadomi, of Japan.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM,
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,
WILMINGTON, N. C., NOVEMBER 9, 1916.

The Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod held its Sixth Biennial Convention in the Sunday school room of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wilmington, N. C.

The meeting was formally opened at 2:30 P. M. by the President, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, and prayer service conducted by Mrs. E. C. Cronk. The following officers were present:

President—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.
First Vice President—Mrs. J. G. Bringman.
Second Vice President—Miss Constance Cline.
Third Vice President—Mrs. I. D. Worman.
Fourth Vice President—Mrs. H. J. Boger.
Fifth Vice President—Mrs. H. J. Lintz.
Sixth Vice President—Mrs. C. E. Weltner.
Seventh Vice President—Mrs. T. B. Epting.
Recording Secretary, pro tem—Mrs. Robert F. Bowe.
Corresponding and Statistical Secretary—Mrs. J. G. Bringman.
Editor and Secretary of Literatre—Mrs. E. C. Cronk.
Life Membership Secretary—Mrs. W. J. Boger.
The following delegates were enrolled:

Roll of Delegates.

North Carolina—Miss Wilhelmina Rock, Miss Lillian Miller, Mrs. Y. von A. Riser, Mrs. C. R. Pless, Mrs. Cora May, Miss Mary Cline, Mrs. A. M. Hanna, Mrs. Will Rehder.

South Carolina—Mrs. Robert F. Bowe, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Mrs. Geo. T. Rygh, Mrs. Jno. C. Seegers, Mrs. R. C. Holland, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Mrs. C. A. Freed, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Miss Caro Efird, Miss Lottie Wyse.

Virginia—Mrs. Grace H. Wyse, Mrs. I. D. Worman, Miss Irene Mason.

Mississippi—Mrs. T. B. Epting.

Holston—Mrs. E. E. Boehme, Mrs. W. J. Caldwell.

Southwest Virginia—Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Mrs. E. H. Copenhaver, Mrs. Harry Bringman, Mrs. J. G. Bringman

Georgia—Mrs. Henry E. Dreeson, Mrs. C. F. W. Hoppe.

Tennessee—Miss Ada Miller, Mrs. J. D. Mauney, Mrs. Rosa Yoder, Mrs. J. L. Kiser, Mrs. R. G. Rhyne.

Welcome by Mrs. Will Rehder. Response by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

Responses by Chairmen of Delegations—Miss Wilhemina Rock, North Carolina; Mrs. H. E. Dreeson, Georgia; Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Southwest Virginia; Mrs. J. H. Wyse, Virginia; Mrs. T. B. Epting, Mississippi; Mrs. J. D. Mauney, Tennessee; Mrs. Robert F. Bowe, South Carolina; Mrs. E. E. Boehme, Holston.

Advisory Members

The following were made advisory members: Miss Annette Kahler, Miss Rosalyn Summer, Miss Florence Strickler, Miss Laura Burkard, Miss Ethel Setzer, Mrs. J. H. Dreher, Mrs. Geo. W. Holland, Dr. R. S. Patterson, Dr. C. L. Brown, Dr. J. C. Seegers, Dr. E. C. Cronk, Rev. Ballentine, Mrs. F. B. Clausen, Mrs. G. W. McClanahan.

The report of the President was read and referred to the proper committee.

President's Report.

"And the Lord said unto Moses, speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward."

I recall to your memory this command of ancient days in order to rivet your attention on the supreme purpose, spirit and province of the Woman's Missionary Conference; and to flash the keyword of these days of challenging opportunity before your uplifted eyes. The birthright of this Conference is leadership—to blaze the trail, to keep always ahead and to stimulate others to follow is its high purpose.

Its spirit should be one of implicit obedience and sublime courage. Its province is that of a voice challenging, admonishing, suggesting, appealing, encouraging and advising. Mr. John R. Mott puts it tersely when he says, "A leader is one who knows the road, who can keep ahead and can pull others after him."

From every corner of our Southern territory we have responded to the call of this Conference for a family gathering at Wilmington. We have come to exchange confidences, to realize the thrill of new inspirations, to catch new visions and to pledge new allegiance to the leading voice of the conference so that from the green fields of Virginia to the fields of summer snow in Mississippi there may be the least possible overlapping and friction and the *greatest* possible family love and consideration and oneness of purpose.

Never in all the history of the world has there been such imperative need for safe, sane leadership as today.

We are witnessing a shocking cataclysm of systems and philosophies and stand aghast at the thought of the followers of the Prince of Peace slaying each his brother, and halting the onward sweep of the Gospel river of Life and Love with the engulfing tide of human hate and blood.

As we ponder the problems of evil and error, and the spirits of darkness let loose, in lands flooded in Christian light for centuries, we ask the old-age question of the disciples, "Lord, why could not *we* cast them out?" Back to us comes the illuminating words of the Saviour of men, "This kind cometh not forth but by prayer." The deepest need of the world and of the great unfinished task is a spiritual need, and the *only* remedy is prayer. Martha like we have been careful and troubled about many things, and Jesus has emphasized that but *one thing* is needful.

In our missionary work we have resorted to every legitimate means of enlarging our work and the masses are still unenlisted. We have had schools of method, we have spent over a million dollars in one year in mission study textbooks and we record no rapid growth in organization or in increased membership. We have made impassioned appeals and adopted all sorts of devices to arrest attention and engage interest and still the financial tide registers no surprising increase.

I do not note these conditions in the spirit of pessimism, but in the optimistic hope of the surgeon who lays bare the disease in order to apply the healing remedies.

Perhaps we have not overemphasized the importance of perfection in the human machinery by which we hope to score our victories, but we have underemphasized the fundamental need of prayer in the conquests of the kingdom, which must be won "not by might nor by power but by my Spirit saith the Lord."

The primary and only *unconditional essential* for the onward sweep of the kingdom is: "Ask of me and I will give Thee." As proof of this I call you to a study of the Acts of the Apostles, who, untrained, poor, handicapped and persecuted, overturned kingdoms and won almost the known world with no weapon but prayer.

As we face the work of another biennium, I make my strongest appeal to you that its keynote shall be: "Forward upon your knees!"

SYNODICAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Ten years ago at Dallas, N. C., three synodical societies united forces as the nucleus of the Woman's Missionary Conference. One by one, other synodical bodies have stepped into the line until

today the chain is complete. Mississippi has entered the family Conference circle this year and will likely send its representative to this meeting to bring its report.

We now have eight synodical societies representing a working force, by actual count, of more than five thousand active members, and an unattached contingent of fifteen thousand women to be won to interested participation in missionary service.

If with one-fourth of the Lutheran women of the United Synod we can report more than twenty thousand dollars for one biennium, what could we do with the remaining three-fourths enlisted in active service?

This is the veritable handwriting on the wall that should stir us to extension work outside the limits of the enrolled membership.

As it was impossible for me to accept the invitation to be present at the organization of the Mississippi Synodical Society, I sent a letter of encouragement and greeting and I call this Conference to welcome this latest addition to the family ranks by expressing its good-will and interest in standing for a moment of silent prayer for the work and the workers in Mississippi.

INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT.

Our very superior literature has made possible most satisfactory intensive cultivation of the women already enlisted in service. That more has not been accomplished in an extensive way is not the fault of the supply provided, or of those who provide it, but of those who must furnish the hands and feet to give it wider circulation.

There has been an urgent request for some years for a uniform constitution for Synodical Societies and a movement was made at the last biennial meeting to supply the same. In some unexplained way the effort has suffered from arrested development, but it is hoped that our Executive Committee will be able to offer something along this line for your consideration and adoption at this meeting.

OUR FOREIGN WORK.

Along routine lines our foreign work is growing stronger and yielding larger returns each year, and the effort to properly provide for it is sending warm blood of life-giving spiritual exercise to the very extremities of the whole church body.

To meet the necessities of growth in our woman's work, the Foreign Board has asked for $25 per month increase in the sum allowed Misses Akard and Bowers for evangelistic work.

In view also of the approaching furlough period of these two workers, we are asked to take steps toward making provision for sending out to Japan, in 1917, two more young ladies, whenever the

Board shall so advise. A permanent home for these workers is naturally an imperative necessity, and it has been suggested that we celebrate the twenty-fifth birthday year of our Japan Mission by launching a campaign for $4,000 for this purpose. Life memberships can be given to this fund or to the Home work as the donor prefers.

OUR HOME WORK.

Our Home Mission Board receives from each Synodical Society very material financial support in addition to the appropriations made to Church Building Fund and support of mission pastors in each Synodical Society. We have never been able to claim specific objects for united effort in the Home field, because up to this time the Board has preferred to have appropriations and contributions turned into a purely general fund. Conditions in Mississippi are, however, so unusual and so serious that they clearly voice the appeal, "Come over and help us." We long to respond to the call, and I believe our women simply await permission to assume specific obligations that would mean increased expenditure for Home work.

At a meeting of the Japan Mission held in September a resolution was passed asking the women to take over all kindergarten work, and this request has been officially conveyed to me.

In order to more satisfactorily provide for current expenses of literature work the Executive Committee advises a contingent fee of 25 cents per member in each Synodical Society, ten cents of this amount to go to synodical incidentals and 15 cents to the Conference treasurer for literature and administration.

I regret to have to confess that no reports of officers have come into my hands prior to this meeting, but I sincerely hope each Departmental Secretary has encouraging achievements to bring before this body. The imperative essential of system and success is to properly connect up each line of effort from the local society to the Conference officer. In the spirit of gratitude to our Father for the joy of a service that makes us "workers together with Him" and looking to Him for wisdom and guidance, I recommend:

1. That we launch in 1917 a serious and systematic enlistment campaign for increased membership.

2. That we assume the small monthly increase of $25 for the evangelistic work of our girls in Japan.

3. That we signify to the Board of Foreign Missions our readiness to increase the force of our women workers, and at this Conference plan intelligently to provide for necessary funds.

4. That we make the twenty-fifth anniversary of our work in Japan memorable by raising $4,000 for a permanent home for women workers.

5. That life membership and memberships "In Memoriam" shall be devoted to this building fund or to Home Missions as the donor shall designate.

6. That the women take over the kindergarten work and support and extend it, working up increased interest and offerings in the children's societies for this purpose.

6. That we pledge $1,000 this incoming biennium for current expenses of General Literature Committee, $300 of this amount to be paid each year by the Synodical Societies constituting the Conference, and $200 each year be added from the profits of the office. In order that the amount to be raised by Synodical Societies shall be put on an equitable basis, the fifteen cents per capita tax should be pledged by each synodical body

8. That the Literature Committee shall be increased from three to five members, and that this committee shall share all the responsibilities and give every possible help in disposing of the problems incident to the work.

9. That this Conference encourage a movement for field workers in the various Synodical Societies wherever possible. It is "the living link" we need to encourage, advise, educate, and make operative the plans and purposes of our work.

With hearts uplifted in thankfulness to God for the divine touch that has multiplied all that we have brought to Him, I sound the challenge:

"Prize what is yours, but be not quite contented,
  There is a healthful restlessness of soul
By which a mighty purpose is augmented,
  In urging us to reach a higher goal.

So when the restless passion rises, driving
  Your calm content before it, do not grieve,
It is the upward reaching and striving,
  Of God in you, to still achieve, achieve."

Wonderful ships of hope and promise are waiting just beyond the bar for the strong tug of prayer to bring them into port and the signal they flaunt shoreward to us is: "Forward! Upon your knees!"

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. M. O. J. KREPS.

Standing Committees.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

President's Report—Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Mrs. I. D. Worman.

Literature Committee Report—Mrs. Geo. T. Rygh, Mrs. E. H. Copenhaver, Mrs. J. D. Mauney.

Resolutions—Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Mrs. Chas. Cronenberg, Mrs. T. B. Epting.

Executive Committee Report—Mrs. E. H. Kohn, Mrs. C. A. Freed, Mrs. W. J. Boger.

Letters and Petitions—Mrs. R. A. Yoder, Mrs. J. C. Seegers, Mrs. H. E. Dreeson.

Official Directory—Miss Wilhemina Rock, Miss J. G. Bringman Mrs. Grace Wyse.

Finance—Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. Robt. F. Bowe, Mrs. Y. von A. Riser.

Report of Advisory Committee to the Board of Foreign Missions was read and adopted by items and then as a whole.

Report of Advisory Committee to the Board of Foreign Missions.

On March 16th your Committee met with the Board of Foreign Missions at Roanoke, Va., at the invitation of the Board. At this time the Board submitted for our consideration the following resolutions from the Minutes of the Mission Conference held in Kumamoto, Japan:

With reference to the Woman's Mission work the following resolutions were adopted—

a) That as a Mission we look with pleasure on the fact that Miss M. B. Akard and Miss M. L. Bowers have completed a year and a half at the Tokyo Language School and have now arrived in Kyushu for the purpose of assisting in the work of the Mission, and we hereby pledge our hearty support in all possible ways.

b) That whereas these young ladies have come to Japan under the authority of the United Synod Board, and subject to their rules, we as a Mission invite them to attend our meetings and participate in all discussions, and furthermore extend to them the full right to vote on all matters pertaining to kindergarten and woman's work.

c) That whereas the support now allowed them, in addition to salary, barely covers house rent, teacher's salaries, and vacation allowance and income tax, a request is hereby made that the funds remitted for the woman's work be increased by $15 per month over the present amount.

d) That Miss Akard and Miss Bowers be assigned to the station in Saga for further language study and to work in connection with Dr. C. K. Lippard with a view to ultimately transferring to them

the management of the kindergarten and woman's work in Saga prefecture.

e) That so far as the Mission can now judge, Saga is the most desirable place as a center for the woman's work. That therefore when financial conditions in America will permit it without prejudice to work already begun, the Church be encouraged to purchase land and erect at Saga a home suited to the needs of the lady missionaries. According to present prices of land and building material the Mission estimates the approximate cost of home and lot at $4,000.

f) That while we look with great favor on the idea of working toward a girl's school for our Mission, we are unwilling to recommend that such a movement be projected at this time when other objects of the work are suffering from lack of sufficient support.

(Excerpt made by M. J. Epting, President Board of Foreign Missions.)

After careful consideration of these items and discussion of the whole situation relative to our woman's work in Japan, the following resolutions were submitted to the Executive Committee and through them to the Synodical Societies:

1. That the appropriation made to Misses Bowers and Akard be increased by $25 per month in order that available funds for the expansion of the work may be at hand, and that this amount be apportioned among the Synodical Societies by the Executive Committee.

2. That plans be made looking to the sending out of two more young women not later than September, 1917.

3. That we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Lutheran Missions in Japan by beginning in 1917 a campaign for $4,000 for the Home in Saga, if in the judgment of the Executive Committee this is possible without retarding the work already begun.

4. That a committee, with a representative from each synodical society, be appointed to have this anniversary fund in charge.

The apportionment as made by the Executive Committee is:

South Carolina women	$500
North Carolina women	500
South Carolina Young People's Federation	650
North Carolina Young People's Federation	525
Southwest Virginia	225
Virginia	210
Holston	410
Tennessee	100
Georgia	150
Mississippi	25

The salary of the Children's Missionary, Rev. A J. Stirewalt, was apportioned as follows:

North Carolina Children	$434
South Carolina Children	300
Southwest Virginia	200
Virginia	35
Georgia	150
Holston	50
Tennessee	75
Mississippi	10

These amounts have been assumed by the Synodical Societies which have met so far.

The Committee called for in resolution 4 was appointed as follows: Mrs. Robt. F. Bowe, Chairman, Mrs. Harry Bringman, Mrs. C. R. Pless, Mrs. E. H. Kohn, Mrs. R. C. Holland, Mrs. Grace Wyse, Mrs. W. G. Cobb.

The need of two additional workers to be sent out grows more and more imperative. We recommend, therefore, that this Conference unite in special prayer that God would show us whom He would have go for us.

We have in hand a request from the Japan Conference, indorsed by the General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, that we assume the entire support of the kindergarten work in Japan at a cost of $600 per year. We recommend:

1. That this request be granted.

2. That the Executive Committees of the Synodical Societies be asked to state what proportion of this amount each society is willing to assume: Southwestern Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Holston, Mississippi.

3. That these amounts be provided in as far as possible by securing, among children, supporters who will contribute 15 cents per month, the average cost of maintaining a child in our kindergartens in Japan.

4. That we ask the Board of Foreign Missions to continue the support of the kindergartens on the present basis until this matter is presented to the Synodical Executive Committees and pledges secured sufficient for this increase.

Following the action of the Executive Committee as reported our Committee was asked to confer with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension in regard to plans for making our woman's societies more helpful auxiliaries to the Board. As a result of that conference we embody the requests of that Board in the following resolutions:

1. That our auxiliary and synodical societies be requested to make their contributions for United Synod Home Missions to the general fund without designating special objects.

2. That the part of the Thankoffering which is given to United Synod Home Missions and the Life Memberships designated for Home Missions be given to the general fund.

3. That the Home Mission funds collected in the children's boxes during the next biennium be given to Birmingham.

4. That your committee be named Auxiliary Committee to the Boards of Missions instead of Advisory Committee to the Boards of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. F. MOREHEAD,
MRS. E. C. CRONK,
MISS CONSTANCE CLINE.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and referred to the proper committee.

Report of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Conference of the United Synod met in the Publication Building, Columbia, S. C., on May 25, 1916, at 11 A. M. The members present were Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. H. C. Bell, Mrs. J. K. Efird, Mrs. J. H. Harms and Miss Constance Cline

After devotional service the roll was called and the committees proceeded to business. Vacancies were filled as follows: Advisory Board to Board of Foreign Missions, Miss Constance Cline; Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Dreher.

A motion was adopted that the Secretary send a copy of the constitution proposed for adoption by this Conference to each member of the Executive Committee with the request that the various members give it careful consideration and report any desired changes at next meeting.

The Secretary was authorized to send to Rev. V. Y. Boozer, President of the Board of Home Missions, the resolution presented by Mrs. R. A. Yoder, at our last Conference, as found on page 141 of minutes.

A resolution was passed requesting the Departmental Secretaries to submit their report in writing to the President of the Conference, not later than October 15 preceding the meeting of Conference.

A letter from Dr. M. J. Epting, President of the Board of Foreign Missions, was read. Dr. C. L. Brown appeared before the committee and set forth conditions in Japan. The report of the Advisory Board to the Board of Foreign Missions was then read.

Upon motion, the Executive Committee selected a representative from each Synodical Society whose duty it shall be to make a vigorous campaign for the raising of funds for the Girls' Home.

The representatives are as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Robt. F. Bowe, Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. C. R. Pless, Salisbury, N. C.; Mrs. E. H. Kohn, Mt. Holly, N. C.; Mrs R. C. Holland, Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. H. E. Bringman, Roanoke, Va.; Mrs J. H. Wyse, Staunton, Va.; Mrs. W. G. Cobb, Blountville, Tenn.; Mrs. Ben Lester, Augusta, Ga.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the Advisory Board appointed at the request of the Board of Foreign Missions has made possible more intelligent cooperation in our Foreign Mission work, be it

Resolved, That the Advisory Board be empowered to confer with the Board of Home Missions and to present to this committee recommendations in regard to the forwarding of our Home Mission work in the various synodical conventions, provided the Board of Home Missions desires such conference.

A report of the Literature Committee was given by Mrs. E. C. Cronk. All bills have been met but a deficit of $153.96 exists in the amount pledged by Conference to the salaries of editor and secretary of Literature work, the amount pledged being $600.

The children's boxes were reported ready for distribution. Propositions from the General Council and General Synod Conventions that the Conference unite with them in placing an exhibit of Lutheran literature at the summer conference at Northfield with some representative to take charge of said literature, and expenses to be shared equally by the three bodies, were discussed.

It was decided that literature to the amount of $15 be sent to Northfield and all money received from the sale of this literature be devoted to this work.

After a discussion of plans for meeting financial problems of the General Literature work it was

Resolved, That we recommend to the synodical conventions that they provide a contingent fee of 25 cents per capita, ten cents of which shall be apportioned for synodical convention expenses and 15 cents for administration, literature and extension work of the Synodical Conventions the literature appropriation now existing shall be discontinued.

A discussion of Life Membership brought forth the following resolution:

Resolved, That Life Membership funds be applied to building of a Girls' Home in Japan or Home Mission work as the donor shall

designate. When the object is not designated the funds shall be divided equally.

The Treasurer's report was adopted, and the Secretary was instructed to send a note of thanks to Mrs. MacLaughlin for her services.

The time and place for meeting of the next Conference was discussed. Wilmington's invitation was accepted, the meeting to begin on Sunday preceding United Synod.

A program committee, consisting of Mrs. H. C. Bell, Mrs. E. C. Cronk and Mrs. Will Rehder was appointed to arrange a program for the Conference.

The support for our woman's work in Japan was apportioned as follows:

South Carolina Young People	650 00
North Carolina Young People	525 00
South Carolina Women	500 00
North Carolina Women	500 00
Southwest Virginia	225 00
Virginia	225 00
Holston	410 00
Tennessee	100 00
Georgia	150 00
Mississippi	------
Total	$3385 00

The support of Rev. A. J. Stirewalt by the children was apportioned as follows:

North Carolina	$350 00
Southwest Virginia	200 00
South Carolina	300 00
Virginia	35 00
Georgia	150 00
Holston	50 00
Tennessee	75 00
Mississippi	10 00

The meeting closed with prayer.

CONSTANCE CLINE, Secretary.

Greetings from the General Council was brought by Miss Annette Kahler.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

November 10, 1916.

Devotional, "The Cost of Prayer," by Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

Report of Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. G. Bringman, was read. Report received as information and ordered printed in minutes.

Report of Corresponding and Statistical Secretary.

South Carolina—Woman's Societies, 65; members, 1500; contributed by women and children, $9039.44.

North Carolina—Woman's societies, 56; members, 1188; contributed by women, $5982.13.

Virginia—28 societies, including children's; members, 263; contributed by all, $1576.

Holston—Woman's societies, 19; members, 282; contributed $1768.88.

Tennessee—Woman's societies, 25; members, 544; contributed, $1034.49.

Southwest Virginia—Woman's societies, 35; members, 650; contributed, $2898.58.

I would urge the Synodical Corresponding Secretaries to report annually to the Corresponding Secretary of Conference. It would be of great assistance to her.

MRS. J. G. BRINGMAN.

The report of the treasurer was read by Mrs. Jno. C. Seegers.

Report of Treasurer.

1916 RECEIPTS.

June	22.	Life Membership, Mrs. E. A. Repass	$ 10 00
July	1.	Current Expense, from Mrs. W. R. Brown	5 00
	15.	Life Membership, Dr. R. C. Holland	25 00
	31.	Life Membership, Mrs. L. H. Copenhaver	10 00
Aug.	9.	Life Membership, Mrs. H. C. Buchanan	10 00
	9.	Literature Committee, College Ch. Soc., Salem, Virginia	5 75
		Literature Committee, Rural Retreat Soc.	1 00

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

	14.	Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer	10 00
Sept.	1.	Mrs. A. E. Seymore	10 00
	1.	Rev. N. D. Bodie	10 00
	1.	Mrs. A. W. Winecoff	10 00

Oct.	11.	Mrs. I. D. Worman	10 00
	17.	Mrs. C. L. Brown	10 00
	17.	Mrs. W. J. Boger	10 00
	31.	Mrs. Helen Rast	10 00
	31.	Miss Lillie Bultman	10 00
	31.	Miss Maggie Brandt	10 00
	31.	Miss Amanda Young	10 00
	26.	"In Memoriam," Mrs. Emma Coffman Everly	25 00
		Total Receipts	$ 201 75

1916. DISBURSEMENTS.

Sept.	22.	By Gen. Lit. Com., Mrs. E. C. Cronk	75 00
Oct.	31.	By General Lit. Com., Mrs. E. C. Cronk	85 00
	31.	By General Lit. Com., Mrs. E. C. Cronk	30 00
	31.	By (Life Membership Pins) Miss S. M. Protzman	8 75
		Total Expenditures	$ 198 75
Oct.	31.	Amount on hand	$ 3 00
			$ 201 75

MRS. E. S. DREHER, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct in every particular.

MRS. GEO. T. RYGH.
MRS. E. H. COPENHAVER.
MRS. J. D. MAUNEY.

Report of former Treasurer was read by Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

Mrs. C. F. MacLaughlin, Treasurer, in account with Woman's Missionary Conference, United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

RECEIPTS.

Mrs J. H. Harms, former Treasurer	$ 57 55
Monday evening offering	18 28
Life Membership	242 00
Total	$ 317 83

DISBURSEMENTS.

1914.			
Nov.	11.	Mrs. E. C. Cronk, cash	$ 75 83
Dec.	4.	Mrs. E. C. Cronk, checks (2)	35 00
1915.			
Feb.	15.	Miss S. Protzmann, badge pins	8 82
	15.	Mrs. E. C. Cronk	30 00
Apr.	24.	Mrs. E. C. Cronk	20 00
Aug.	2.	Mrs. E. C. Cronk	20 00
Sept.	4.	Mrs. E. C. Cronk	25 00
	21.	Mrs. E. C. Cronk	20 00
Oct.	12.	Mrs. E. C. Cronk	20 00
1916.			
Apr.	6.	Mrs. E. C. Cronk	50 00
		Total	$ 304 65
		Balance on hand	13 18
			$ 317 83

Note—In the above receipts $11.50 representing expense of Sunday afternoon program (November 8, 1914) covered by offering, and included in "in receipts from Mrs. J. H. Harms of $57.55." Mrs. Cronk applied this amount from remittance of December 4. 1914, to these expenses. $90 of the amount of disbursements have been applied to deficit of previous biennium. The net amount, therefore, paid on this biennium account is $194.33.

Report of General Literature Committee was read by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, and referred to the proper committee.

Report of General Literature Committee.

Your Committee rejoices to report a steady growth in the literature work.

A careful examination of the records of the work done since the organization of this committee will show that the receipts for each biennium have almost doubled the amounts for the preceding biennium. The past two years have been our best years in many respects.

LITERATURE HEADQUARTERS.

Our literature headquarters in the Lutheran Publication Building are becoming more and more headquarters for all departments of our missionary work. During the past biennium there

has been a noticeable increase in the calls and orders of other denominations as well as of Lutherans.

When we realize that other committees are expending several hundred dollars a year for offices we feel very grateful to the Lutheran Board of Publication which provides our headquarters without expense to our Conference.

EDITORIAL AND CLERICAL WORK.

The last Conference made an appropriation of $500 annually for the salary of an editor and secretary of literature. It was agreed in the joint meeting of the Executive Committee that $300 of this should be paid from the Conference treasury and $200 by the Literature Committee from its sales. The $400 for the biennium has been paid by the Literature Committee but there is a deficit of $195.67 on the amount promised by the Conference. This includes a deficit of $90 carried over from the preceding biennium.

Of the $500 voted for salaries the Committee voted $258 per year to Mrs. E. C. Cronk and $240 per year to Miss Lottie Wyse. It is for the Conference to decide how this deficit shall be met.

LEAFLET PUBLICATION.

The demand for our leaflets has increased rapidly. Our own societies are circulating much more literature than formerly and orders from other Boards and societies have been received from almost every State in the Union and we have had especially large orders from Canada.

We have printed during the biennium 311,400 leaflets. There has been some friendly criticism of what seems to those who do not understand the work an unnecessarily large leaflet publication. This has been a source of income to us.

Not a leaflet has gone to press without advance orders of from 3,000 to 15,000. We have on file now advance orders for over one hundred thousand leaflets now being printed.

PROGRAMS.

There has been a noticeable increase in the number of societies using our programs, and in the number of members of the societies who are buying their own programs.

In 1908 our program order was 250 copies; in 1915 we had advanced to 4,700. The order placed for 1917 was 15,000. For the Quadricentennial year we are cooperating with the General Synod and General Council in the publication of a souvenir Quadricentennial Program Calendar.

THANKOFFERING BOXES.

Ten thousand thankoffering boxes have been ordered during the biennium and distributed among the societies as called for without charge except postage.

EXHIBITS

The Synodical Literature Secretaries have taken much more interest than formerly in the exhibits which have been sent to each Synodical Convention and most of them are planning definitely for effective exhibits in 1917.

Exhibits that have greatly increased our sales have been sent to several interdenominational conferences. While most committees pay the expenses of a representative at the summer conferences our committee has been fortunate in securing representation without any expense to itself. The only expenditure in this line was $10.75, one-third of the expenses of Miss Ida Zinser, who had charge of the Lutheran exhibit at the Northfield Conference this year. This amount was practically covered by literature sales.

MISSION STUDY BOOKS.

One of the most marked advances has been made in the circulation of Mission Study books. Sales of text books have more than doubled in the past biennium. In addition to this a large number of orders has been turned over to the Lutheran Board of Publication. The most delightful relationship has existed between this Board and our Committee and their helpful cooperation has added much to the joy and efficiency of our work.

JUNIOR LITERATURE.

The orders for Junior Literature have been climbing steadily upward, and the general sale of the leaflets and programs for Juniors has been good.

Ten thousand Post Office Boxes for collecting the children's contributions have been bought and are being distributed with no cost to the societies except postage. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and the Board of Foreign Missions have paid for these boxes and placed them with our Committee for distribution.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITERATURE.

The Young People's Societies of the United Synod have cooperated for the year 1917 in the publishing of programs. Our committee has been asked to publish and distribute these programs

as prepared by the editorial committee from the Young People's Societies.

WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL.

The demand for the Week of Prayer literature is increasing. During the biennium 17,000 Week of Prayer and Self-Denial envelopes were circulated without cost to the societies except postage. The call for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial Packets has been larger than ever before.

PAGEANTS AND PLAYS.

Our first venture in publishing missionary pageants and plays has been successful. The pageant, "Christ in America," has had a sale of nearly five thousand copies and has made a profound impression in many of our churches. "The Song they Sang," recently published, is having a wide sale.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend:

1. That the thanks of this Conference be voted to the Lutheran Board of Publication for their kindness in providing our Literature Headquarters.
2. That a special effort be made at this Conference to secure Life Memberships to meet the deficit in the amount promised the Literature Committee by the Conference.
3. That inasmuch as the Life Membership Fund is to be appropriated to other work, the Conference make adequate provision for the maintenance of the literature work from some other source.
4. That a Literature Committee of five members be elected, and that each Synodical Society be asked to appoint a Correspondence Member to serve in an advisory capacity.
5. That the Conference discuss the advisability of issuing another edition of the United Service.

MRS. KATE EARGLE,
MRS. E. C. CRONK,
LOTTIE WYSE,
ANNIE DAVIS.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SECRETARY OF LITERATURE.

November 1, 1914—November 1, 1916.

Balance on hand November 1, 1914 ..... $ 236 59

Receipts.

Leaflets of our own publication	$1705	89
Program packets	45	55

Junior Program packets	14 75	
Programs	372 83—	
Total Receipts from our own publications		$ 2149 02
Leaflets of other boards		86 57
Mission Study Books		496 47
Mission Study Helps		14 24
Charts		75
Postage		5 19
Subscriptions to magazines		11 00
Refund on cuts		2 04
Treasurer of Woman's Conference on appropriation		494 33
Appropriations from Synodical Societies for literature		463 50
United Service Books		31 63
Other Books		14 75
Young People's Literature		37 65
Freight		14 02
Office Furnishings		3 50
Boxes for Junior Societies		79 28
From sale of typewriter		30 00
Total		$ 4160 53

Disbursements.

Printing	$ 1725 42
Postage	262 20
Office furnishings and supplies	111 54
Freight	22 29
Literature of other boards	229 15
Mission Study Books	432 49
Subscriptions to magazines	10 60
Post office box rent	16 00
Cuts	22 28
Drayage	50
Refund on Programs	40
One-third expense Literature Exhibit at Northfield	10 75
Boxes for Junior Societies	79 28
Clerical Work (Miss Wyse)	480 00
Editorial Work (Mrs. Cronk)	516 00
Express	28 05
Manuscripts	41 67
Young People's Literature	26 12
Total	$ 4014 74
Balance on hand November 1, 1916	145 79
	$ 4160 53

Note—The item of $41.67 for manuscripts is for those accepted and paid for by the Cooperative Literature Committee, two-thirds of this amount being refunded to our Committee.

Address by Dr. R. S. Patterson; Subject: "Needs and Opportunities in the Home Field.".

Mrs. T. B. Epting presented the work in Mississippi.

A rising vote of appreciation was given Mrs. T. B. Epting for splendid work done in missionary societies in that State.

Rev. W. P. Cline, Jr., presented the work in Birmingham.

Report of Representative on Cooperative Literature Committee was read by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, and adopted by items.

Report of Representative on Cooperative Literature Committee.

The work of this Committee is enlarging beyond our greatest expectations. During the biennium a number of leaflets have been issued under the cooperative imprint.

The Quadricentennial Program Calendars for 1917 which are on the press will unite for the first time the women of the General Synod, General Council and United Synod in the South in a study of missions along the same outline.

The first step in book publication has been taken in securing a manuscript from the pen of our gifted writer, Mrs. Harold Lewars, on "The Story of Lutheran Missions," which the Cooperative Committee is publishing as one of the Quadricentennial Mission Study Textbooks.

The possibilities before this committee are great—almost beyond our ability to grasp them. At the present time there is an insistent call for a Woman's Missionary Magazine and a Junior Missionary Magazine which shall be world-wide in their outlook and nation-wide in their circulation.

Three of the most influential bodies of our Lutheran women have signified their willingness to unite in the publication of these magazines—the General Synod, the General Council and the Joint Synod of Ohio.

I recommend that this Conference continue its cooperation in this work and elect a representative to serve on the committee for the next biennium.

MRS. E. C. CRONK,

Member of Cooperative Literature Committee from the United Synod.

Report of Representative on Federation of Lutheran Woman's Missionary Societies of North America, was read by Mrs. E. C. Cronk and adapted as a whole.

Report of Representative on Federation of Lutheran Women's Missionary Societies of North America.

The past year has been a year of wonderful advance in federating the Lutheran women of North America. During the year Lutheran Women's Leagues which have united the women of various Synods have been formed in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and New York. A call has been issued for the organization of the Lutheran Woman's League of North America, in Chicago in October 1917. The Lutheran Woman's League of Chicago, which was the pioneer in organizing in 1893, will be hostess at this great Quadricentennial gathering of women.

If the Lutheran women of America stood together in unbroken line they would reach from the Atlantic to the Pacific. If they faced together the problems and opportunities of this day, their influence would reach to the ends of the earth. The first advance step taken by the federations already formed is the securing of a Lutheran Student Secretary to visit the colleges and universities of our land, to keep in touch with our Lutheran students at the Summer Conferences and to present in every way possible the claims of the missionary work on the hearts and lives of our students.

Our Conference is fortunate in having Miss Annette Kahler, of Buffalo, our first Student Secretary, present at this meeting. While in the South Miss Kahler will visit as many of our colleges as possible. One of the next steps proposed is a larger cooperation in literature and the publication of a Women's Missionary Magazine for the Lutheran women of America and a Junior Magazine for the children.

When we consider the possibilities which seem right at hand for Lutheran federation and cooperation our hearts are filled with a profound thanksgiving, and with earnest supplication to God that we may be given wisdom and strength to meet the opportunities of our day.

I recommend:

1. That the Conference continue its cooperation by appointing a representative to serve on this committee for the next biennium.

2. That a committee of three be appointed to promote the organization of Lutheran Woman's Leagues in cities in which we have

a number of congregations or in centers where such an organization is possible and advisable.

MRS. E. C. CRONK,

United Synod Representative of Federation of Lutheran Women's Societies of North America.

Letter of Greetings from Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, Secretary of General Executive Committee of the General Synod, was read by Mrs. Robert F. Bowe and received as information.

Letter of fraternal greeting to General Council women was read by Mrs. J. G. Bringman, and received as information.

Report of Editorial Committee was read by Mrs. E. C. Cronk. Report adopted and referred to Executive Committee.

Report of Editorial Committee.

Your Committee reports that the Woman's Missionary Department in the *Lutheran Church Visitor* has been conducted each week by our editor, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps. The Manager of the Board of Publication tenders to our Conference for the next biennium, the space of one page in the weekly issue of the *Visitor*.

The amount of $60 for the expense of conducting this department has been paid to Mrs. Kreps during the past biennium, by the Synodical Societies as follows: South Carolina, $30; North Carolina, $20; Southwestern Virginia, $10. Some of the Synodical Societies have lapsed in their contributions to this fund and some have never made contributions.

We recommend:

1. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Lutheran Board of Publication for the space that has been given our work during the past biennium and for their offer for the next biennium.

2. That the Conference agree on an adequate amount to be appropriated for the expense of this work, and that this amount be apportioned among the different Synodical Societies, and paid by their treasurers to the treasurer of this Conference for the purpose designated.

MRS. E. C. CRONK,
MRS. M. O. J. KREPS,
MRS. W. G. ALLWORDEN.

On motion Mrs. A. M. Hanna was added to the North Carolina Synodical delegation.

Noontide hour of prayer, "We would see Jesus," conducted by the President, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

Address by Dr. C. L. Brown; subject, "Needs and Opportunities in Japan."

Greetings from the United Synod were brought to the Conference by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

November 10, 1916.

Session opened with hymn, "I Love to tell the Story." Prayer service, "Unanswered Prayer," conducted by Mrs. E. C. Cronk. Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation."

Report and discussion of Department work. Mission Study Discussion led by Dr. E. C. Cronk.

Motion was adopted suspending business to hear Mr. Hajime Inadomi, of Japan, in a forceful appeal for the younger generation of our Church.

Message from the Board of Foreign Missions was delivered by Rev. M. J. Epting.

Conference accepted the invitation to spend Saturday afternoon at Wrightsville Beach.

List of advisory members submitted by committee was accepted.

Report of Thankoffering Secretary was read by Mrs. I. D. Worman and adopted as a whole.

Report of Thankoffering Secretary.

After entering upon the duties of this office I began communication with the Thankoffering Secretary of each synodical society. They report an increased number of thankoffering boxes in use, public meetings held by many auxiliaries and the distribution of funds for missionary work. Most societies divide the thankoffering equally between the home and foreign work. North Carolina leads in the amount of thankoffering for the biennium with $1,724.05; South Carolina, $1,331.12; Southwestern Virginia, $324.67; Virginia, $266.40; Tennessee, $256.30; Holston, $155.20; making a total of $4,037.67 reported to the Secretary. No report has been received from Georgia Synodical Society.

It is to be regretted that there seems to be no effort made to train the children to make thankofferings.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. I. D. WORMAN.

Report of Children's Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Harms, read by Mrs. J. G. Bringman and adopted.

Report of Children's Secretary.

Regretting my inability to attend the Conference, I beg leave to submit in brief a report of the work done by the children in the District Synods.

North Carolina has 44 children societies, with an enrollment of 1,206 members. Eight of these societies have been organized in the last biennium and 186 new members enrolled. They have contributed in the biennium $1,377.79. Of this amount, $868 was given for the support of Mr. Stirewalt, $279.65 to Birmingham and $352.02 to Raleigh. The banner society raised $223 per capita. Four mission study classes are reported. U. S. mail boxes are used for collecting funds. There are 33 congregations in the Synod which have no children's organization.

South Carolina has 34 children's societies with an enrollment of 1,000 members. The amount contributed in the biennium is $1,380.60. This was divided between home and foreign missions, the greater amount being given to the foreign work. In the home field they have contributed to Greenville and to Birmingham; in the foreign field to the support of Mr. Stirewalt, to the Ogi and Saga kindergartens and to the support of kindergarten children. The banner society contributed $5.75 per capita. The U. S. mail boxes are used. There are 48 congregations in the Synod without a children's organization.

Southwestern Virginia has 19 societies with an enrollment of 470. They have contributed in the biennium, $457.25. They have pledged for 1916-17, $200 for support of Mr. Stirewalt, $15 for literature and $50 for Birmingham. U. S. mail boxes are used. There are in the Synod 51 congregations where the children are not organized for missions.

Virginia has seven societies with an enrollment of thirty-eight. The amount raised in last biennium is $160.70, the greater part of which was contributed to the support of Mr. Stirewalt. U. S. mail boxes are used.

The Holston Synod has three societies with an enrollment of 71. There are probably 150 children in this Synod who are not enlisted in mission work. They have contributed in the biennium $60.87, which is practically divided equally between the home and foreign work.

The Tennessee Synod has 14 societies with an enrollment of 203. They have contributed in the biennium about $128.

MRS. J. H. HARMS, Secretary.

Report of Committee on General Literature Committee's Report was adopted as read.

Report of Committee on Report of General Literature Committee.

It is with gratitude in our hearts to God for the work accomplished during the past biennium that we review the success that has crowned the efforts of our very efficient General Literature Committee. The report shows that the past two years have been more profitable than any other similiar period of time in the experience of the committee. This report furnishes a firm basis for the hope that the current biennium will prove even more successful not only in a pecuniary sense but far more in the extension of its work of inspiring general zeal for missions and a more generous participation in the execution of Christ's great command.

The fact that not only other Lutheran bodies but also other denominations are making extensive use of our Lutheran literature is not only evidence of their approval of the leaflets doctrinally but also a most gratifying recognition of the signal ability which has characterized the committee in its labors.

Your Committee will not forego the opportunity of commending the production of plays and pageants since these appeal effectively not only to the children but to older people as well.

We suggest that the recommendations made by the committee be acted upon by this Conference item by item.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the thanks of this Conference be voted to the Lutheran Board of Publication for their kindness in providing our Literature Headquarters.
2. That a special effort be made at this Conference to secure Life Memberships to meet the deficits in the amount promised the Literature Committee by the Conference.
3. That inasmuch as the Life Membership Fund is to be appropriated to other work the Conference make adequate provision for the maintenance of the literature work from some other source.
4. That a Literature Committee of five members be elected, and that each Synodical Society be asked to appoint a corresponding member to serve in an advisory capacity.
5. That the Conference discuss the advisability of issuing another edition of the United Service.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GEO. T. RYGH,
MRS. E H. COPENHAVER,
MRS. J. D. MAUNEY.

Missionary play, "The Song They Sang," was beautifully rendered by the young girls of St. Paul's church.

Adjourned.

After discussion, it was decided that the issuing of another United Service be deferred until the next meeting of Conference, and if then thought expedient, the discussion be renewed and proper action taken.

Report on President's Report, was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Our President in her report voices the aspirations and aims of our Conference in a ringing call to go forward; and at the same time she impresses upon us the futility of any attempt to advance except that which is made "upon our knees."

Your committee recommends:

1. That we welcome our little sister from Mississippi and rejoice that the circle of Synodical Societies is now complete.

2. That the proposed constitution for Synodical Societies, prepared by the Executive Committee, be adopted by this Conference.

3. That items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 in the President's Report be adopted as read.

4. That item 7 be changed to read, That we pledge $500 per year for the work of the Literature Committee. This amount to be paid by the Synodical Societies on the basis of an incidental fee of fifteen cents per capita.

MRS. W. F. MOREHEAD,
MRS. I. D. WORMAN,
MRS. J. L. SMITH.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

November 11, 1916.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. J. C. Peery.

Minutes of Thursday afternoon, Friday morning and Friday afternoon sessions read and approved.

Report of committee on Report of Executive Committee was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Executive Committee.

We, your Committee, on Report of the Executive Committee have examined the same, and recommend they be adopted.

We, further recommend that the report be read for the benefit of this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. H. KOHN,
MRS. C. A. FREED,
MRS. W. J. BOGER.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

We, your Committee on Letters and Petitions, recommend:

1. That the resolution in Dr. Lippard's letter concerning a Girls' School in Japan be given serious and prayerful consideration.

2. The reading of letter from Miss Akard to the Conference.

3. In reply to letter received from Treasurer of Federation of Boards of F. M. of N. A., we recommend in regard to dues for 1916 that we pay the same if the Conference so decides.

4. A letter from Board of Missionary Preparation. We recommend that it be read before Conference.

5. A letter from Secretary of Biennial Conference, Mont Claire, N. J., requests the payment of $3 toward expenses of meeting held January, 1916, as soon as possible. Do we owe this? If so, we recommend that it be paid.

MRS. R. A. YODER,
MRS. J. C. SEEGERS,
MRS. H. E. DREESON.

The Recording Secretary was directed to reply to the following letters: Letter from Board of Missionary Preparation; letter from Federation of Women's Board of Foreign Missions of North America; letter from Secretary of Triennial Conference.

Motion adopted making election of officers next in order.

The President appointed as tellers, Miss Lottie Wyse, Miss Irene Mason, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Mrs. T. B. Epting.

Motion adopted that the election be held by ballot after nominations from the floor. The election resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Robert F. Bowe.

Corresponding and Statistical Secretary—Mrs. E. H. Copenhaver.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. L. Kiser.

Motion adopted that the Departmental Secretaries be appointed by the Executive Committee.

It was decided that a nominating committee be appointed by the President to make miscellaneous nominations as directed by the Conference.

President appointed the following committee: Mrs. Jno. C. Seegers, Mrs. J. D. Mauney, Mrs. E. H. Copenhaver, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

Motions adopted that the Young People's Educational Conference be held.

Business resumed and Young People's Program postponed until noon.

Report of Committee on the $4,000 fund for the Girls' Home in Japan was read and considered by items.

Motion adopted that the photograph of Miss Annette Kahler, First Student Secretary for Lutheran Women's Colleges in America, be published in the *Lutheran Church Visitor.*

Motion adopted to suspend business for the Young People's Educational Conference.

Students' Session led by Miss Rosalyn Summer, during which talks were made by students as follows: Miss Florence Strickler, Elizabeth College; Miss Laura Burckhard, Marion College; Miss Ethel Setzer, Lenoir College; Miss Rosalyn Summer, Mont Amoena Seminary.

Address, "Tomorrow for the Lutheran Student," by Miss Annette Kahler, of Buffalo.

Minutes read and approved. Adjourned.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

November 11, 1916.

Opening song, "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling." Prayer by Mrs. Geo. T. Rygh.

Report of Life Membership Secretary was read, discussion being deferred until evening session.

Report of Life Membership Secretary.

Since the last meeting of the Woman's Missionary Conference in Columbia two years ago, our Honor Roll has increased from fifteen life members, one "In Memoriam" and one child membership to forty-eight life members, five "In Memoriams" and three child memberships.

In the meantime it has appeared to some that if a change in regard to the life membership funds be made and that the funds be applied to the building of a Girls' Home in Japan, or Home Mission work as the donor shall designate, and when the object is not designated the funds shall be divided equally, more of our

workers would be interested in this department of our work and our roll be greatly increased. Be that as it may, the greatest interest will be manifested only when each Synodical Society realizes the importance of this department and urges its societies and individual members to give their earnest support to the life membership department.

HONOR ROLL, 1914-16.

1. *Membership "In Memoriam."*

Mrs. Emma Coffman Everly ..... Virginia
Baby Margaret Christine Lineberger ..... North Carolina
Dr. R. C. Holland ..... Southwestern Virginia
Mrs. Annie L. Crickenberger ..... Virginia

2. *Life Membership.*

Mrs. Julia V. Miller ..... New Market, Va.
Miss Ada V. Miller ..... New Market, Va.
Mrs. E. H. Kohn ..... Mt. Holly, N. C.
Mrs. Leila Lichtenwanger ..... Asheville, N. C.
Mrs. Martha Henson ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
Mrs. J. L. Wolford ..... Blountville, Tenn.
Mrs. W. J. Lintz ..... Mosheim, Tenn.
Mrs. R. L. Patterson ..... Salisbury, N. C.
Mrs. J. Q. Wertz ..... Salisbury, N. C.
Mrs. B. B. Schumpert ..... Prosperity, S. C.
Mrs. C. D. Cobb ..... McLeansville, N. C.
Mrs. E. L. Lybrand ..... New Brookland, S. C.
Mrs. W. J. Finck ..... New Market, Va.
Mrs. M. L. Richard ..... Lovettsville, Va.
Mrs. Will Rehder ..... Wilmington, N. C.
Mrs. L. H. Copenhaver ..... Bristol, Tenn.
Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
Mrs. I. D. Worman ..... Shepherdstown, W. Va.
Mrs. A. W. Winecoff ..... Salisbury, N. C.
Mrs. A. E. Seymour ..... Burlington, N. C.
Rev. N. D. Bodie ..... Granite Quarry, N. C.
Mrs. C. L. Brown ..... Kumamoto, Japan.
Mrs. Grace Wyse ..... Staunton, Va.
Mrs. Helen Rast ..... Cameron, S. C.
Miss Tillie Bultman ..... Florence, S. C.
Miss Maggie Brandt ..... Walhalla, S. C.
Miss Amanda Young ..... Fairfax, S. C.
Mrs. E. A. Repass ..... Harrisonburg, Va.
Mrs. H. C. Buchanan ..... Wytheville, Va.

Miss Martha B. Akard ..... Japan
Miss Mary Lou Bowers ..... Japan

3. *Child Membership.*

Henry Henkel Rhyne ..... Mt. Holly, N. C.
Mary Sutton Miller ..... Hakata, Japan

Reported by Synods.

Virginia Synod 6
Southwestern Virginia Synod 3
Tennessee Synod 9
North Carolina Synod 7
South Carolina Synod 6
Holston Synod 5

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. J. BOGER,
Life Membership Secretary.

Adjourned to convene at 7:30 p. m., in order to accept outing at the beach.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

November 11, 1916.

Hymn, "The Church's One Foundation." Prayer, Rev. J. L. Morgan.

Report of Life Membership Secretary discussed and adopted as a whole.

Motion adopted that Life Membership be under direction of Conference as formally.

Committee on Report of Silver Jubilee Fund adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Silver Jubilee Fund.

Whereas, The Woman's Conference has decided to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Missions in Japan by raising a fund of $4,000 during the Quadricentennial (1917) to be used in erecting a home for girls in Japan; and whereas, This movement has been approved by each Synodical Society, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That this Fund be known as the "Silver Jubilee Fund."

2. That each representative of the Synodical Societies (namely each member of this committee) use her own discretion as to the best method of gathering this fund.

3. That we suggest that all funds raised in celebration of the Quadricentennial, not otherwise designated, be applied on the Silver Jubilee Fund.

4. That we suggest that a special gift to this fund be made by members of Auxiliary Societies and by members of the Young People's Societies by means of special coin cards which will be distributed by the Corresponding Secretaries of each Society.

5. That we suggest that an attractive circular containing information relative to the Girls' Home be prepared by this Committee, these circulars to be sent by the Synodical Corresponding Secretaries to the President of each Auxiliary Society, who shall appoint a Junior Committee whose duty it shall be to solicit donations with the aid of these circulars.

6. That we suggest that one or more Life Memberships be secured, if possible, from each Auxiliary Missionary Society to be applied on this fund.

7. That Conference provide means for meeting the small items of expense made necessary by these resolutions, the amount to be refunded from the Jubilee Fund.

8. That the President appoint a special Treasurer whose duty it shall be to receive and forward all Silver Jubilee Funds to the respective Synodical Treasurers.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ROBERT F. BOWE,
MRS. C. R. PLESS,
MRS. E. H. KOHN,
MRS. R. C. HOLLAND,
MRS. H. E. BRINGMAN,
MRS. GRACE WYSE,
MRS. W. G. COBB,
MRS. BEN LESTER.

The President appointed Miss Cora Efird as Treasurer of the Silver Jubilee Fund.

Report of Committee on Constitution.

Report of the Committee on constitution for Synodical Missionary Societies was considered by items and adopted as a whole.

CONSTITUTION FOR SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETIES OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

Article I.—Name.

This organization shall be called The Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of ———.

Article II.—Object.

The object of this Society shall be the evangelization and Christianization of the world.

This object it shall seek to accomplish by promoting the organization of Missionary Societies in all the churches of the Synod, by educating and training missionaries and supporters of the missionary enterprise, and by uniting the prayers, the gifts and the labors of the women of the Synod for the support and advance of mission work at home and abroad.

Article III.—Membership.

All women who are members of the Auxiliary Societies of this Synod shall be members of this Society. The voting membership shall be composed as follows: All officers and department secretaries, one delegate for every twenty members of each auxiliary society, all life members of the Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod who are members of Auxiliary Societies within the bounds of this Synodical Society.

Article IV.—Officers.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Archivist.

Officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual convention of the Society, and shall serve from the close of the meeting at which they are elected until the close of the next annual convention or until their successors are elected.

Article V.—Duties of Officers.

Section 1. The President shall be the General Executive Officer, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and shall supervise its general work.

Sec. 2. The Vice Presidents, in order, shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President, and cooperate with her in furthering the work.

Sec. 3. The Recording Secretary shall give due notice of the annual convention, and of meetings of the Executive Committee and keep a record of the proceedings of both. She shall also prepare the minutes of the annual convention for publication.

Sec. 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, carry on the correspondence of the Society and present to the annual convention a written statement of the work during the year.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall receive the funds forwarded by the auxiliary societies, properly acknowledge and credit them and

disburse them on order of the President according to the appropriation of the Convention. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually at the close of the fiscal year.

Sec. 6. The Archivist shall keep a complete file of the minutes and shall collect and preserve such data as may be of historical interest and value.

Article VI.—Departmental Secretaries.

Secretaries of such departments as the Society shall adopt shall be elected to cooperate with the General Secretaries of these departments, in the Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod.

Article VII.—Executive Committee.

An Executive Committee composed of the officers and Departmental Secretaries shall be empowered to transact the business of the Society between the annual conventions.

Article VIII.—Annual Convention.

An annual convention of this Society shall be held for the transaction of business and for the training and strengthening of its members.

Article IX.—Auxiliary Societies.

Any Society which shall be organized under the constitution for Auxiliaries and shall contribute to the general work and to the incidental expenses of this Society may become an auxiliary to this Society and shall be entitled to representation at the annual convention.

Article X.—Current Expenses and Incidental Fees.

Sec. 1. That the current expenses of this Society shall be provided by an incidental fee of ten cents por member of each Auxiliary Society.

Sec. 2. That this Society contribute annually the current expense fund of the Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South an amount equivalent to fifteen cents per capita.

Artice XI.—Alterations and Amendments.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at an annual convention of the Society, provided written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at the preceding annual convention of the Society.

Report of Secretary of Young People's work was read by Mrs. E. H. Copenhaver, and adopted:

Report of Secretary of Young People's Work.

The past biennium has been one of unusual perplexity and of correspondingly unusual importance in our Young People's work, because it has been a transition period. Our Conference has been guardian of this work during its early development and growth and now our ward is coming of age and learning to direct its own affairs.

The South Carolina Synod has had a successful State Federation of its Young People's Societies for several years which has elected its own officers and disbursed its own funds. Since the organization of this federation, the increase in the number of societies, the growth in membership, the advance in contributions, and the general development of the young people have proved the wisdom of this advance step. South Carolina is doing especially fine work in enlisting young men in College and Seminary.

The North Carolina young people who issued the first challenge for specific missionary undertaking by our young people, while not having a separate State Federation, have their own officers appointed by the Woman's Convention, and at the 1917 convention will hold a special session in connection with the Woman's Convention. This step is preparatory to the North Carolina Federation of Young People's Societies if the results make evident the advisability of such an organization.

In all of the other conventions there are secretaries of young people's work who have charge of this department of the Woman's Convention.

During the past year a forward step has been taken in the formation of an Executive Committee or Cooperative Board composed of two young people from each synodical convention appointed as official representatives to formulate plans for federating the Young People's societies of the United Synod, to provide programs and other literature, and to consider the needs and opportunities which the Young People's societies of all the synods have in common.

The initial step in program cooperation has been taken in the preparation and publication of twelve programs on Lutheran Missions for 1917, the Quadricentennial year. All of the Young People's societies of all the synods have cooperated in the issuing of these programs which have been prepared by a committee composed of one representative from each Synodical Society.

Unquestionably the work is going forward, and unquestionably the greatest opportunities are before us. The missionary work

of tomorrow is being decided today by the attitude which our young people are taking towards the missionary work. We are deciding their attitude by the attitude we take toward these same young people and by the plans that we make for their training.

I wish to make three statements which I believe to be true and most significant and on them I base three recommendations:

It is not possible for us to develop and train our young people to the highest efficiency and especially to enlist the young men without better and more uniform organization of our Young People's work.

Without programs and literature it is not possible for the Young People's work to be unified and progressive.

The future of the Church is largely in the hands of our young people who come back from college to shape either consciously or unconsciously the ideals of the community.

I recommend:

1. That we endeavor in every way possible in the next biennium to secure the organization of Young People's societies, to unite the societies of each synod in a synodical federation and to center the synodical federations in a United Synod Federation of Young People's Societies.

2. That we encourage the publication of programs and literature especially suited for our young people in cooperation with the Literature Committee of our Woman's Societies.

3. That this Conference consider the importance of thorough and systematic work among our college students and the possibility of cooperation with the movement of the Lutheran Woman's League to secure a student secretary.

MAY SCHERER,
Secretary Young People's Work.

Report of Finance Committee was read, discussed and adopted as follows:

Report of Finance Committee.

The only requests for appropriation that have been placed in our hands are from the General Literature Committee and from the Editorial Board.

We recommend:

1. That the action taken by the Executive Committee in providing for an adequate current expense fund for this Conference by asking for an amount equal to fifteen cents per capita from each Synodical Society be definitely presented to each Synodical Society.

2. That of this fund, $500 per annum be appropriated to the General Literature Committee.

3. That the Conference designate an amount to be appropriated to the Editor of the Woman's Missionary Department of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* for expenses.

4. That a standing Finance Committee be appointed, which committee shall be authorized and directed to receive requests for funds from all Boards and Committees and to present a report with recommendations on the first day of each biennial conference.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. C. CRONK,
MRS. ROBERT F. BOWE,
MRS. Y. VON A. RISER.

Talk on work of Woman's building at Elizabeth College by Rev. J. C. Peery. The Conference expressed its approval of the proposed Woman's building at Elizabeth College.

Motion previously made giving power to Executive Committee to appoint Departmental Secretaries was seconded, this authority now being vested in the Nominating Committee.

Mrs. J. G. Bringman was elected delegate to the Lutheran Jubilee Convention to be held in Chicago, September, 1917.

Motion adopted to use Life Membership fees to pay deficit of $100 of Literature until the full amount is paid.

Report on Resolutions read and adopted by a rising vote of the Conference.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

1. That we appreciate the fraternal recognition of the United Synod as expressed through its President in a personal message, and that we renew our declaration of unity and cooperation with them in all their undertakings.

2. That it is an inspiration and blessing to have had with us and to have heard Revs. C. L. Brown, J. C. Seegers, D.D., R. S. Patterson, D.D., M. J. Epting, D.D., Mr. Hijame Inadomi, our Japanese student at Roanoke College, also Rev. W. P. Cline, and the thanks of the Conference are due Dr. Cronk for his beautiful stereopticon lecture.

3. That we note with pleasure the presence of Miss Annette Kahler, representative from the General Council Convention, also the greetings from the General Synod Convention through its Secretary.

4. That it is a source of profound sorrow that we record the death of our beloved Dr. Holland, and that we recognize the irreparable loss to our Church.

5. It is with sadness that we note the passing of such an useful life as that of Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, and that we instruct the Secretary to convey a message of condolence to the body which she represented.

6. That we express our hearty appreciation of the courteous services rendered by the daily press, and the generous hospitality of the pastors. people and friends of St. Paul's and St. Matthew's.

MRS J. G. BRINGMAN,
MRS. CHAS. CRONENBERG,
MRS. T. B. EPTING.

Needs in Mississippi presented by Mrs. T. B. Epting.

Report of Official Directory read by Miss Wilhelmina Rock and report held by the Chairman, Miss Rock, until called for.

Invitations for entertaining the next biennial meeting of Conference were extended by Salem, Va., and Jackson, Miss. Selection of place for next meeting of Conference was referred to the Excutive Committee, and thanks extended for both of these invitations.

The official directory was ordered to be printed in the missionary page of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*.

Out of respect for our dear departed Dr. R. C. Holland and Mrs. Kate B. Shaffer, Conference stood in silent submission to God's will.

Minutes were read and adopted.

The Finance Committee was appointed as follows by the President: Miss Constance Cline, Mrs. W. H. Riser.

The President also appointed Mrs. T. B. Epting, Archivist.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Literature Committee—Miss Lottie Wyse, Mrs. Kate Eargle, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. G. T. Rygh, Mrs. H. C. Bell.

Literature Secretary—Miss Lottie Wyse.

Literature Editor—Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

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Delegate to General Synod—Mrs. I. D. Worman; Mrs. J. H. Rehder, alternate.

Representative to Federated Board of Missions—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

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Life Membership Secretary—Mrs. W. J. Boger.
Mission Study Secretary—Mrs. E. S. Dreher.
Young People's Secretary—Miss May Scherer.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. C. SEEGERS,
MRS. J. D. MAUNEY,
MRS. E. H. COPENHAVER,
MRS. N. G. MOREHEAD.

Conference was formally closed with hymn: "My Faith Looks up to Thee." Benediction.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, November 12, 1916.

Hymn, "Thou Whose Almighty Word."

Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, President, presided.

Prayer and Scripture reading by Rev. J. Henry Harms, D.D.

Hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign."

Address by Mr. Hajine Inadomi, of Japan, Subject, "Through Darkness into Light."

Special Offering gathered for Mr. Inadomi amounted to $59.01.

Prayer by Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D.

Closing hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War." Benediction.

MRS. ROBERT F. BOWE,
Recording Secretary.

STATISTICS OF THE ORPHAN HOME OF THE UNITED SYNOD

Superintendent	J. T. Crabtree, Salem, Va.
Location	Salem, Va.
Established	1888
Inmates:	
Teachers and Assistants	7
Male Children	49
Female Children	55
Total	104
Additions during the biennium	21
Losses during the biennium:	
By death	
Graduated or found other homes	20
Estimated value of all property	$40,000.00
Finances for the biennium:	
Gifts in kind	1,750.00
Gifts in cash	21,290.47
Total	23,040.00

STATISTICS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Location	Columbia, S. C.
Term begins	Third Wednesday in September
Term ends	First Wednesday in May
Volumes in library	5,300
Number of Professors	3

Enrollment of Students

	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Total
1914-15	6	2	6	14
1915-16	6	6	2	14

	1914	1915	Total
Matriculated	6	6	12

	1915	1916	Total
Graduated	6	3	9

In regular attendance each year	14
Non-resident (1915-1916)	1

Enrollment by Synods

	1914-15	1915-16
North Carolina	4	5
Tennessee	1	5
South Carolina	6	3
Virginia		..
Mississippi		..
Georgia	2	1
Holston		..
Southwestern Virginia	1	..

Finances During Biennium

Bequests during biennium	None
Gifts in cash	$ 85.00
Present Endowment	36,405.22
Indebtedness	21,200.00

STATISTICS OF THE JAPAN MISSION, BIENNIUM ENDING NOVEMBER, 1916

The Field:	
1. Principal Stations	4
2. Auxiliary Stations	8
3. Organized Congregations	4
Forces in the Field:	
1. Male Missionaries	5
2. Wives of Missionaries	5
3. Single Women Missionaries	2
4. Native Pastors and Evangelists	8
5. Native Bible Women	2
6. Baptized Members	673
7. Church Buildings	4

8. Missionaries' Homes	3
9. Native Pastors' Homes	4
10. Kindergarten School Buildings	2
11. Kindergarten Teachers' Homes	2
Kyushu Gakuin:	
1. Teachers	23
2. Students	552
3. Theological Students	9
4. Candidates for Ministry	6
Sunday Schools:	
1. Schools	12
2. Scholars	700
Value of Property:	
1. Kyushu Gakuin	$74,080
2. All Other Property	24,000
3. Total	98,080
Annual Running Expenses	22,698
Associated Work:	
1. Missionaries of General Council	5
2. Missionaries of Danish Church	2
3. Missionaries' Wives	7
4. Evangelists	7
5. Baptized Members	190
6. Stations	6
7. Outstations	2

STATISTICS OF THE LOWMAN HOME FOR THE AGED AND HELPLESS

Founded	1914
Location	White Rock, S. C.
Superintendent	Rev. W. P. Cline, D.D., White Rock, S. C.
No. of Assistants	2
No. of Inmates (male 1, female 3)	4
Value of Property (Land $22,000, buildings $6000, other property $1350)	$29,350
Indebtedness	$6,000
Endowment	None

HOME MISSIONS UNDER THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Index Number	Name of Mission	LOCATION	Synod	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Appropriations. For Pastor's Support	Donations	Loans	Total
1	Greenville	Greenville, S. C.	S. C.	C. L. Miller	105	83	1	1	1	$ 410	$....	$1500	$ 1910
2	Woman's Memorial	Spartanburg, S. C.	S. C.	S. T. Hallman, D.D.	56	61	1	1	..	162	.....	.....	162
3	Gastonia	Gastonia, N. C.	Tenn.	J. C. Dietz	107	156	1	1	..	150	.....	.....	150
4	St. Stephen's	Lenoir, N. C.	Tenn.	W. J. Roof	35	38	1	1	1	400	.....	800	1200
5	Kimball Memorial	Kannapolis, N. C.	N. C.	G. H. C. Park	124	200	1	..	..	200	.....	.....	200
6	First Church	Greensboro, N. C.	N. C.	E. L. Folk	103	125	1	1	1	540	.....	.....	540
7	Luther Memorial	Portsmouth, Va.	Va.	W. A. Craun	79	95	1	1	..	675	.....	.....	675
8	Graham	Graham, Va.	S.W.Va.	Vacant	57	58	1	1	..	200	.....	.....	200
9	Church of Redeemer	Bristol, Tenn.	S.W.Va.	Vacant	95	84	1	1	..	150	.....	.....	150
10	Church of the Redeemer	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Holston	H. B. Schaeffer	44	....	..	..	..	400	.....	.....	400
11	Morristown	Morristown, Tenn.	Holston	Vacant	....	....	..	..	..	300	.....	.....	300
12	Trinity	Jackson, Miss.	Miss.	T. B. Epting	33	19	1	1	1	800	.....	1500	2300
13	Lingle Pastorate	Lingle, Miss.	Miss.	A. W. Ballentine	163	94	2	2	1	109	.....	.....	109
14	Christ English	Birmingham, Ala.	Ga.	W. P. Cline, Jr.	65	42	1	..	..	350	2500	.....	2850
15	Church of the Redeemer	Macon, Ga.	Ga.	P. C. Weber	32	36	..	..	..	600	.....	.....	600
16	Grace	Lakeland, Fla.	Ga.	W. E. Pugh	38	36	1	1	1	100	.....	1000	1100
17	Trinity	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Ga.	John Hall	43	56	1	1	1	100	.....	.....	100
18	Virginia Heights	Roanoke, Va.	S.W.Va.	J. W. McCauley	..	....	..	..	..	.....	.....	1500	.....
19	Raleigh	Raleigh, N. C.	N. C.	J. L. Morgan	....	....	..	..	..	.....	3750	.....	3750
	19 Missions	19 Pastorates		16 Pastors.	1179	1183	15	13	7	5646	6250	6300	18196

Missions in North Carolina Synod 3
Missions in Tennessee Synod 2
Missions in South Carolina Synod 2

Missions in Virginia Synod 1
Missions in Southwestern Virginia Synod.3
Missions in Georgia Synod 4

Missions in Mississippi Synod 2
Missions in Holston Synod 2

HOME MISSIONS OF THE HOLSTON SYNOD

Index Number	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of all Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Holy Trinity		Morristown, Tenn.	Vacant	55	55	2	1	..	$ 2000	$....	$....	$....
2	Church of Reformation		Greeneville, Tenn.	Vacant	33	....	1	1	..	1000	.....	.....	.....
3	Church of Ascension		Chattanooga, Tenn.	H. B. Schaeffer	44	20	..	..	..	.....	400	.....	400
	3 Missions		3 Pastorates.	1 Pastor	132	75	3	2	..	3000	400	.....	400

HOME MISSIONS OF THE GEORGIA SYNOD

1	St. James'		Brunswick, Ga.	C. E. Weltner, D.D...	46	40	1	1	..	$12600	$....	$ 900	$ 900
2	Grace		Lakeland, Fla.	W. E. Pugh	35	42	1	1	..	7000	100	500	600
3	Trinity		St. Petersburg, Fla.	John Hall	41	60	1	1	..	12200	100	500	600
	3 Missions		3 Pastorates.	3 Pastors	122	142	3	3	..	31800	200	1900	2100

HOME MISSIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SYNOD

1	Trinity	1914	Jackson, Miss.	T. B. Epting	33	19	1	1	1	$ 1500	$ 800	$ 300	$1100
2	Lingle Pastorate	1914	Lingle, Miss.	A. W. Ballentine	163	94	2	2	1	3000	109	311	420
	2 Missions		2 Pastorates	2 Pastors.	196	113	3	3	2	4500	909	611	1520

HOME MISSIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD

Index Number	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of all Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Lebanon	1893	Barber, N. C.	Rev. V. R. Stickley..	51	66	1	1	1	$ 2800	$....	$ 150	$ 150
2	Providence	1871	Mocksville, N. C.	Rev. V. R. Stickley ..	9	....	1	1	..	540	.....	.....	.....
3	St. Matthew's	1847	Mocksville, N. C.	Rev. V. R. Stickley..	29	35	1	1	..	900	.....	.....	.....
4	Landis	1908	Landis, N. C.	Rev. P. E. Shealy....	97	250	1	1	1	3500	.....	120	120
5	Concordia	1882	Landis, N. C.	Rev. P. E. Shealy....	170	151	1	1	..	2000	.....	.....	.....
6	Nazareth	1785	Rural Hall, N. C.	Vacant	112	....	1	1	1	2000	.....	150	150
7	Bethany	1889	Stokes Co., N. C.	Vacant	30	....	1	1	..	1000	.....	.....	.....
8	Shiloh	1777	Forsythe Co., N. C.	Vacant	43	....	1	1	..	800	.....	.....	.....
9	First Church	1905	Lexington, N. C.	Vacant	90	64	1	1	1	18000	.....	227	227
10	Woman's Memorial	1907	High Point, N. C.	Rev. P. D. Brown ...	107	102	1	1	1	6000	.....	217	217
11	Grace	1911	Thomasville, N. C.	Rev. P. D. Brown ...	23	....	2	..	..	2000	.....	100	100
12	First Church	1910	Greensboro, N. C.	Rev. E. L. Folk	108	135	1	1	1	20000	450	.....	450
13	Holy Trinity	1912	Raleigh, N. C.	Rev. J. L. Morgan ...	16	....	1	1	..	2500	.....	.....	.....
14	Liberty	1912	Liberty, N. C.	Rev. G. H. C. Park..	119	187	1	1	..	1000	200	200	400
15	Kimball Memorial	1914	Kannapolis, N. C.	Rev. J. L. Morgan...	48	26	1	1	..	15000	.....	1000	1000
16	Holy Trinity	1915	Charlotte, N. C.	Vacant	28	107	1	..	..	2000	.....	30	30
17	St. Andrew's	1893	Concord, N. C.	Rev. B. S. Dasher....	73	104	1	1	1	2200	.....	75	75
18	Calvary	1904	Concord, N. C.	Rev. B. S. Dasher....	48	118	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
	18 Missions		10 Pastorates.	7 Pastors	1201	1345	18	14	7	82240	650	2269	2919

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD

Index Number	Name of Mission	When Established	LOCATION	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of all Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Woman's Memorial	1902	Spartanburg, S. C.	S. T. Hallman	57	54	1	1	..	$13000	.....	$ 550	$ 550
2	Immanuel	1902	Greenwood, S. C.	J. D. Kinard	66	35	1	1	..	6500	.....	625	625
3	St. Luke's	1902	Olympia, S. C.	M. O. J. Kreps	119	155	1	1	1	7500	.....	* 550	* 550
4	Holy Trinity	1910	New Brookland, S. C.	M. O. J. Kreps	46	60	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Mayer Memorial	1900	Newberry, S. C.	Vacant	96	117	1	1	..	2100	.....	† 550	† 550
6	Summer Memorial	1910	Newberry, S. C.	Vacant	53	85	1	1	..	1600	.....	.....	.....
7	Fairfax Pastorate	1912	Fairfax, S. C.	D. B. Groseclose	130	146	4	4	2	10000	.....	285	285
8	St. James'	1894	Sumter, S. C.	J. H. Wilson	89	46	1	1	..	6000	.....	285	285
9	St. Luke's	1905	Florence, S. C.	J. L. Smith	79	98	1	1	1	11600	.....	180	180
10	First Church	1909	Greenville, S. C.	C. L. Miller	99	68	1	1	1	30000	410	240	650
11	St. Barnabas	1912	Charleston, S. C.	Vacant	67	237	1	1	..	5000	.....	§ 230	§ 230
12	St. Luke's	1893	Summerville, S. C.	Vacant	65	80	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
	12 Missions		9 Pastorates	7 Pastors	966	1181	13	13	5	92700	410	3495	3905

This for 1915. No report for 1916.

*St. Luke's and Holy Trinity combined. †Mayer Memorial and Summer Memorial combined. §St. Barnabas and St. Luke's combined.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE TENNESSEE SYNOD

Index Number	Name of Mission	When Established	LOCATION	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of all Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Gastonia		Gastonia, N. C.	J. C. Dietz	95	154	1	1	..	$15000	$ 250	$ 250	$ 500
2	St. Stephen's	1908	Lenoir, N. C.	W. P. Roof	36	45	1	1	1	5000	* 150	* 250	* 400
3	Mt. Zion		Lenoir, N. C.	W. P. Roof	8	....	1	1	..	1000	.....	.....	.....
4	Bethany		Hickory, N. C.	W. A. Deaton	147	142	1	1	..	1200	.....	† 400	† 400
5	Mt. Hebron		Henry River, N. C.	W. A. Deaton	50	46	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Calvary		Morganton, N. C.	W. A. Deaton	16	....	1	..	..	100	.....	.....	.....
7	Hendersonville		Hendersonville, N. C.	F. G. Morgan	....	....	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	St. Luke's		Monroe, N. C.	W. J. Boger	50	95	1	1	..	12000	.....	§ 400	§ 400
9	Morning Star		Monroe, N. C.	W. J. Boger	33	35	1	1	..	1000	.....	.....	.....
10	Watauga Pastorate		Sands, N. C.	M. L. Carpenter	181	143	1	1	..	2500	.....	400	400
11	Bethel		Manassas, Va.	.....	49	74	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	Trinity		Elkwood, Va.	.....	11	....	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Mt. Zion		Nokesville, Va.	.....	32	40	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	St. Luke's		Culpeper, Va.	.....	22	100	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
	14 Missions		10 Pastorates	6 Pastors	730	874	8	7	1	37800	400	1700	2100

*St. Stephen's and Mount Zion combined. †Bethany, Mt. Hebron and Calvary combined. §St. Luke's and Morning Star combined.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE VIRGINIA SYNOD

Index Number	Name of Mission	When Established	LOCATION	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Building	Parsonages	Value of all Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Trinity		Buena Vista, Va.	Vacant	39	78	1	1	..	$ 1500	$....	$ 450	$ 450
2	Capon Pastorate		Wardensville, W. Va.	Peter Miller	132	70	4	4	1	8300	.....	150	150
3	Muhlenberg		Harrisonburg, Va.	E. A. Repass	94	137	1	1	1	10000	.....	240	240
4	Trinity		Newport News, Va.	J. A. Shealy	182	81	1	1	..	8000	.....	300	300
5	North River Pastorate		Rio, W. Va.	H. D. Chapman	195	....	3	3	1	2800	.....	200	200
6	Luther Memorial		Portsmouth, Va.	W. A. Craun	81	95	..	..	..	.....	675	.....	675
7	Grace		Waynesboro, Va.	E. L. Ritchie	90	100	1	1	1	30000	.....	250	250
8	Emmanuel		Woodstock, Va.	S. W. Kuhns	115	133	1	1	1	11200	.....	100	100
	8 Missions		8 Pastorates.	7 Pastors	874	694	12	12	5	71800	675	1690	2365

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD

1	Holy Trinity	1903	Lynchburg, Va.	O. L. Schreiber, Ph.D.	52	44	1	1	1	$8750	$...	$550 00	$550 00
2	Church of Redeemer	1903	Bristol, Tenn.	Vacant	93	80	1	1	..	12000	150	125 00	275 00
3	Woman's Memorial	1888	Pulaski, Va.	J. I. Coiner	86	82	1	1	..	6000	....	137 50	137 50
4	Christ Church	1888	Radford, Va.	J. I. Coiner	62	30	1	1	..	4000	....	137 50	137 50
5	Wartburg	1887	Graham, Va.	Vacant	55	62	1	1	..	5000	....	.....	.....
	5 Missions		4 Pastorates.	2 Pastors	348	298	5	5	1	35750	150	950 00	1100 00

LITERARY INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED SYNOD

Number	Name of the Institution	When Founded	Location	President	Professors and Instructors	Other Teachers	Capacity of Institution	Students, Male	Students, Female	Students, Total	Students for Ministry	Alumni	Volumes in Library	Endowment	Value of All Property	Indebtedness
1	Roanoke College	1853	Salem, Va.	J. A. Morehead, A.M., D.D.	22	..	....	187	....	187	20	771	25000	$144500	$358220	$.....
2	Collegiate Institute	1853	Mt. Pleasant, N. C....	G. F. McAllister, A.M.....	4	1	100	75	....	75	5	206	4500	5000	40000	4000
3	Newberry College	1856	Newberry, S. C.....	J. Henry Harms, A.M., D.D	15	..	300	221	23	244	18	550	6000	170000	300000	.....
4	Mont Amoena Seminary.	1859	Mt. Pleasant, N. C....	R. A. Goodman, A.B.....	8	1	100	....	78	78	..	243	200	.....	45000	13000
5	Marion College	1874	Marion, Va.	C. Brown Cox, A.M.....	15	..	100	....	122	122	..	200	1000	.....	75000	35000
6	Lenoir College	1891	Hickory, N. C.....	R. L. Fritz, A.M., D.D.....	19	..	350	132	138	270	35	228	2500	38700	150000	.....
7	Elizabeth College	1897	Salem, Va.	John C. Peery, A.M.....	10	6	200	....	112	112	..	230	3500	.....	100000	45000
8	Summerland College	1912	Leesville, S. C.....	P. E. Monroe, A.M.....	8	..	100	....	82	82	..	23	700	.....	45000	.....
					101	8	1250	615	555	1170	78	2451	43400	358200	1113220	97000

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS OF THE UNITED SYNOD

Index Number	DISTRICT SYNODS	When Organized	Ministers	Churches	Stations	Students for the Ministry	Catechumens	Losses			Accessions					Membership				Finances		
								By Death	By Certificate	Other Losses	Infant Baptism	Adult Baptism	Confirmation	Certificate	Restoration	Baptized Members Not Confirmed	Confirmed Members	Total Membership	Increase Confirmed Members since last meeting of United Synod.	Value of all Church Property.	Indebtedness	All Local Expenses By Congregations.
1	North Carolina	1803	50	76	....	24	1260	106	257	116	513	37	429	328	7	4155	10783	14938	866	$ 518094	$ 27125	$ 45627
2	Tennessee	1820	53	130	....	9	1953	269	....	....	1814	....	1027	517	.....	7753	14192	20601	1038	238275	.....	83021
3	South Carolina	1824	54	85	....	15	790	358	422	356	735	127	824	546	63	3711	11325	15036	465	610597	45668	65483
4	Virginia	1829	35	59	....	5	433	142	152	225	337	225	352	285	24	.....	6521	6521	324	438600	.....	58580
5	Southwestern Virginia	1842	30	72	....	3	....	145	176	41	210	124	206	....	20	5133	5500	10633	185	80550	1702	23392
6	Mississippi	1855	6	12	2	2	77	10	2	....	41	12	37	41	.....	647	794	1441	49	.....	6000	736
7	Georgia*	1860	18	31	....	1	238	59	47	172	141	20	78	97	7	1829	3836	5665	.....	351210	39558	23861
8	Holston	1861	8	26	1	....	15	....	....	41	89	15	79	44	4	653	1784	2437	.....	125606	3000	8925
			254	491	3	59	4766	1089	1056	951	3380	560	3032	1858	125	23881	54735	77272	2927	2362932	123053	309575

*Report for one year only.

Parochial Statistics of the United Synod—Continued

Index Number	Sunday Schools					Y. P. and Children's Societies			Benevolence.												Totals.		
	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Local Expenses of Schools	Benevolence of Schools	Members	Local Expenses of Societies	Benevolence of Societies	Synodical Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Colleges and Theological Seminary.	Ministerial Education	W. H. and F. M. Societies.	Pastors' Fund	Orphan Home	Aid Societies	External Objects	Total Local Expenses	Total Benevolence	Grand Total
1	57	753	8572	$ 4360	$1913	2057	$ 597	$ 870	$ 940	$ 2761	$ 1994	$ 395	$ 255	$ 560	$ 2890	$1467	$ 734	$ 556	$1289	$ 54957	$ 15728	$ 70685
2	110	873	7832	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	3357	2945	3334	.....	627	.....	.....	... .	2028	.....	.....	83021	12189	108433
3	75	867	7294	.....	.....	2371	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130491	49417	179908
4	44	632	4846	5295	3094	975	1249	4446	1145	6428	6401	1743	1148	625	2048	4000	1606	4228	4716	65073	44529	109612
5	65	565	4500	.....	.....	250	.....	400	1076	1500	911	809	250	.....	.....	955	.....	.....	.....	23392	5901	29293
6	11	39	281	69	.....	....	.....	.....	89	106	40	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	805	335	1140
7	...	310	2178	322	1084	228	397	56	402	2822	1203	385	871	.....	2909	251	390	857	.....	24579	10730	35309
8	14	112	909	443	114	175	38	74	2316	317	251	323	92	.....	723	.....	61	.....	.....	9406	4271	13677
	376	4151	36412	10489	6205	6056	2281	5846	9325	16379	14134	3755	3243	1185	8570	6673	4819	5641	6005	391724	143100	534824

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The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South met in Quadricentennial Convention in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Salisbury, N. C., November 6, 1917, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

The Preparatory and Communion Services were conducted by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., LL.D., and Revs. S. T. Hallman, D. D., M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., D. D., and M. G. G. Scherer, D. D.

The synodical sermon was preached by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., from Psalm 127:1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

The Holy Communion was then administered to the members of Synod and visiting ministers.

FIRST SESSION.

Thursday, November 6, 1917, 2:30 P. M.

The Synod was opened by the use of the prescribed form, and Devotional Services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Huffard.

The roll of synod was called, and constituted as follows:

No. 1.

Roll of Synod.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical—M. M. Kinard, D.D., A. G. Voigt, D.D., J. L. Morgan, C. A. Brown, W. H. Riser, B. S. Brown, J. F. Crigler, V. C. Ridenhour, G. H. L. Lingle and F. B. Clausen.

Lay—A. E. Waltman, A. M. Hanna, W. W. Koch, W. F. Aberly, W. L. Kinney, A. H. Snider, J. R. Smith, Jas. D. Heilig, J. A. Cline and B. B. Miller, Esq.

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Clerical—C. K. Bell, D.D., W. A. Deaton, D.D., J. M. Senter, A. R. Beck, L. L. Lohr, D.D., D. I. Offman, R. L. Fritz, D.D., E. J. Sox, D. L. Miller, W. J. Finck, D.D., W. L. Darr, F. K. Roof, J. L. Cromer, and W. A. Lutz.

Lay—M. F. P. Troutman, J. H. Dinglehoef, P. E. Fry, A. E. Cline, R. G. Rhyne, J. H. C. Huit, H. P. Lutz, A. L. Deal, Dr. C. O. Miller, E. M. Minnick, J. R. Rhodes, Hon. C. M. Efird, Dr. J. W. Eargle (a), and R. Elmer Shealy.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical—P. E. Monroe, C. A. Freed, D.D., Edw. Fulenwider, G. J. Gongaware, D.D. (a), W. H. Greever, D.D., S. T. Hallman, D.D., J. H. Harms, D.D., Jas. D. Kinard, D.D., M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., J. C. Seegers, D.D., H. A. McCullough, D.D., and M. O. J. Kreps, D.D.

Lay—Hon. Geo. B. Cromer, LL.D. (a), R. F. Bowe (a), C. J. Kimball, Hon. J. D. Cappelmann, W. D. Houck (a), Hon. Kenneth Baker (a), A. H. Kohn, W. K. Shealy, E. F. Irick, Capt. J. W. Jenny, J. V. Sutton, and W. H. Heidenreich.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Clerical—Geo. S. Bowers, D.D., J. A. Morehead, D.D., I. D. Worman, J. A. Huffard, E. A. Repass, Ph.D., A. D. R. Hancher, J. J. Scherer, Jr.

Lay—J. E. Cooper (a), H. L. Snyder, W. T. Stauffer, Jacob Umlauf, S. T. Shank, R. G. Koiner, T. G. Rydingsvard.

SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Clerical—Geo. H. Rhodes, J. Luther Sieber, Henderson N. Miller, Ph.D., L. A. Fox, D.D., W. R. Brown, J. J. Scherer, D.D.

Lay—H. L. Bonham, J. H. Marsteller, O. V. Hefner, W. R. Huffard, J. D. Bowers.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Clerical—W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., M. J. Epting, D.D., W. Hoppe, D.D., and T. W. Shealy.

Lay—H. E. Dreeson, Hon. J. W. Reiser and Hon. A. B. Kieffer, Fred Larkins.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Clerical—W. C. Davis and H. A. Kistler.

Lay—J. M. Kinser, and J. F. Neas.

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

Clearical—T. B. Epting.

Lay—F. R. Epting.

(a)—Absent.

Delegates from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America were entered, as follows: Revs. E. E. Bittle, D.D., E. K. Bell, D.D., J. G Traver, D D., H. L. Yarger, D.D., H. Dysinger, D.D., LL.D., E. G. Gardner, D.D, V. A. G. Tressler, Ph.D., D.D., F. P. Manhart, D.D., and Messrs. A. A. Obenlander, Esq., Hon. J. L. Zimmerman, Esq., and Harvey C. Miller.

Delegates from the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America were entered as follows: Revs. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., H. A. Weller, D.D., W. D. C. Keiter, D.D., E. E. Krause, D.D., A. Steimle, D.D., Prof. R. C. Horn, Ph.D., and Messrs. W. F. Deck and G. F. Gehr.

The President read his report, which was received and referred to Committee on President's Report.

No. 2.

Statement of the President.

Fathers and Brethren:—At the meeting of the United Synod held at Wilmington November 9-13, 1916, the following recommendation of the Committee on Fraternal Cooperation was adopted:

That the United Synod hold about October 31, 1917, at a place to be decided upon, a special Quadricentennial Convention for the purpose of celebrating suitably the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation and, with the participation of delegations from other general bodies, of considering the problems of common interest to all American Lutherans with a view to closer cooperation and union. (See Minutes 1916, p. 102.)

Also the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Executive Committee constitute a committee to make arrangements for the Reformation celebration to be held in Salisbury in 1917. (See Minutes 1916, p. 121.)

Resolved, That the delegations appointed to represent the United Synod at the meetings of the General Synod and General Council for 1917 be constituted the committee on program for the day of discussion and action looking to federation at the special meeting of the United Synod for 1917. (See Minutes 1916, p. 122.)

The Executive Committee has discharged the duty laid upon it, and has arranged for the meeting of the United Synod at this place and time.

Inasmuch as the United Synod at Wilmington elected officers and fixed the term of the administration by selecting Tuesday before the third Sunday in November, 1918, as the time for the

next biennial convention (Minutes, p. 107); and inasmuch as this Convention is held pursuant to a resolution providing therefor, and in the interim, it follows that this is an adjourned meeting of the United Synod.

Comparing the several resolutions cited above, I beg to offer the following brief statement with reference to the objects of this meeting and the powers of the Synod now in session.

1. One of the objects is to celebrate suitably the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation. A program has been prepared by the committee appointed for the purpose, and printed copies of the same have been provided.

2. A further object of this meeting is to consider the problems of common interest to all American Lutherans with a view to closer cooperation and union.

From the resolution last quoted above it would appear that the mind of the United Synod at the meeting held at Wilmington contemplated nothing more in regard to union in the near future than a possible federation. That was the utmost it thought attainable in the existing conditions in 1914: and yet at that time it said, "We continue to cherish the hope that some day the union of Lutheran forces in this land will be attained." (See Minutes 1914, p. 79.)

Since the meeting at Wilmington events have moved more rapidly in the direction of a complete coalescence of several of the General Bodies of Lutherans than the most sanguine of us dared to hope.

At a meeting in Philadelphia, April 18, 1917, of the Joint Committee on the Celebration of the Quadricentennial of the Reformation, it was resolved that the organic union of the three affiliated Lutheran bodies, the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South, would be the fittest commemoration of the Reformation. In accordance with this sentiment the presidents of these bodies, being present, were requested to form a Joint Committee of ministers and laymen which should prepare a Constitution for a united Church and present the same to the General Bodies for their consideration and if approved for submission to the district Synods.

The Committee representing the United Synod in the work of preparing such a Constitution consisted of the Hon. John F. Ficken, the Rev. C. K. Bell, D.D., and the President of this body.

The Joint Committee, constituted as has been indicated, held two meetings and formulated a Constitution, a copy of which is herewith submitted, together with the action of the General Synod and the General Council thereupon, for your consideration.

It is correct and proper to say that the Committee which represented the United Synod in this work collaborated with the committees of the other bodies participating, with the clear understanding that the acts of the Joint Committee could in no sense be binding upon the United Synod.

In the judgment of your President, it is competent for the United Synod, now in session, under the resolution stating the objects of this meeting, to deal with the question which this Proposed Constitution presents.

Respectfully submitted,
M. G. G. SCHERER, President.

Mayor Walter H. Woodson then made the address of welcome to the Synod, and Hon. Stahle Linn welcomed the Synod on the part of the congregation and the county.

The President made an appropriate response to these pleasing addresses.

On motion, the President was authorized to appoint such committees as will be necessary to carry out the purposes of this convention.

No. 3.

Appointment of Committees.

Committee on Letters.—Revs. C. K. Bell, D.D., C. A. Freed, D.D., B. S. Brown, W. C. Schaeffer, Jr.; Messrs. W. T. Stauffer, H. L. Bonham, Capt. J. W. Jenny.

Committee on President's Statement.—Revs. R. L. Fritz, D.D., H. A. McCullough, D.D., Geo. S. Bowers, D.D.; Messrs. H. E. Dreeson, John A. Cline.

Committee on Mode of Procedure in Reference to the Proposed Constitution.—Revs. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., J. A. Morehead, D.D., J. H. Harms, D.D., C. K. Hunton, A. R. Beck, W. Hoppe, D.D., H. A. Kistler. T. B. Epting, Hon. C. M. Efird.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., then made the report of our Delegates to the General Synod, which was received and adopted.

No. 4.

Report of Chairman of Delegation to the General Synod.

In accordance with the action of the United Synod at its Fifteenth Convention, as found on page 127 of the minutes, a delegation, consisting of the following: Rev. A. G. Voigt, Rev. T. B.

Epting, Rev. G. J. Gongaware, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., Rev. W. C. Davis, Rev. J. C. Peery and Rev. J. H. Harms, attended the Forty-eighth Convention of the General Synod at Chicago. The object of the appointment of this delegation, as indicated by the action of the United Synod recorded on pages 101-103 of the minutes of the Fifteenth Convention, was to emphasize the spirit of fraternal cooperation with other general bodies of the Lutheran Church in a manner befitting this year of Quadricentennial celebration. Your delegation was most cordially received by the General Synod, and the subject of cooperation took the form of union of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod. There was present a delegation from the General Council. It was the privilege of your delegation to witness the cordiality and unanimity with which the General Synod ratified and recommended the Proposed Constitution of the United Lutheran Church of America to its constituent synods for favorable action, and to participate in the expressions of felicitation following this action. That was a memorable day, marked by unanimous exaltation of spirit and joy, and auspicious of the realization of a great hope, which a short while ago few dared to hope capable of realization so soon.

The proposed union of the three general bodies named now comes to the United Synod for action sustained and urgently offered to us by the weight of the expressed unanimous desire of so great a body as the General Synod to be one with us in a common confession of faith and a common organization for united activities in the promotion of the interests of the Church.

It deserves to be thankfully noted that the General Synod honored all the members of your delegation with free entertainment and other courtesies.

The General Synod appointed a delegation of seven to represent it at this Convention of this body.

Respectfully submitted for the delegation,

A. G. VOIGT, Chairman.

Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., reported for the delegates to the General Council as follows, which was adopted:

No. 5.

Report of Commission to October Convention of General Council.

Your Commission, numbering sixteen present, appeared in Philadelphia for the thirty-sixth convention of the General Council, October twenty-fourth to thirty-first.

The convention of the General Council opened in Zion's Church, Franklin Square, Wednesday morning, with the Morning Service, including a sermon by the Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., President of the General Council, and the celebration of the Holy Communion. Wednesday afternoon was devoted to organization and preliminary business.

The fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the General Council was celebrated on Wednesday evening, in the Evangelical Church of the Holy Communion, the historical address being delivered by the Rev. Prof. Chas. M. Jacobs, D.D., of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mount Airy, Philadelphia. The business sessions of the General Council were held in Witherspoon Hall which was decorated suitably in reference to the Quadricentennial year and the expression of natural patriotism in view of the national situation.

The proposed constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America was made the subject of consideration and action during practically the entire day of Thursday, October twenty-fifth. The background of this day's action, so significant for the future of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, was suggestive. This convention of the General Council was being held in the city of Philadelphia, rich in historic associations and achievements for the Church of the Reformation. The President of the General Council had presented, in a remarkable sermon, a survey of the world situation in relation to the Lutheran Church and the progress of the Kingdom of God. In the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the General Council, there had been ably presented an outline of the achievements of this body—its unswerving fidelity in the conservation of doctrine according to the confessions of the Church, its wise churchmanship in the preliminary gathering of varied natural elements or synods of the Lutheran Church into a loosely formed general body, its fine contribution to the leadership and literature of the American Lutheran Church, etc., with the implication, conscious or unconscious, that the mission of the General Council as a separate organization may have been accomplished. The constituency of the General Council also, represented by delegations present from New England to Texas, from New York to California, from Canada and even commissioners from the Virgin Islands,—Americans, Germans, Swedes, English, Danes, Slavs, seemed to be at once a preparation for and a reasonable anticipation of the great consummation of the United Lutheran Church in America.

On Thursday morning, with such fruitage of preparation for the occasion as Providence may have designed through many years, the General Council assembled. Large commissions from the General Synod and the United Synod in the South were present and, with the officers of the General Council and others, were

invited to seats on the platform. Every courtesy was shown the commission of the United Synod. Representatives of all commissions were invited to speak. In a spirit of deep earnestness and of profound appreciation of the gravity and significance of the issues involved, there followed an exhaustive discussion of the proposed constitution, the doctrinal basis for union therein, and the urgent need of a United Lutheran Church in America in order that the Church of the Reformation might perform its great mission to America and to the world for the coming of the Kingdom of God. The General Council, notwithstanding practical difficulties and problems to be solved here and there in the thorough outworking of the action, voted without a dissenting voice to adopt the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America. Prayer was offered to Almighty God. The great audience there assembled arose to sing the hymn of thanksgiving and praise, "Now Thank We All Our God."

Following the unanimous action of the General Synod at the Chicago convention, the General Council had now taken its momentous action. It was deeply felt by many, if not all present, that this action was the work of the Spirit of God and that God's will had been done. It now remains for the United Synod in the South to face the responsibility of taking the step that will, either for the time defeat, or bring definitely to a successful conclusion the movement for the United Lutheran Church in America. May God give us grace and wisdom to see and do His will!

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MOREHEAD,

For the Commission.

On request of the Secretary, Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D., was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The delegates from the General Synod and General Council were then formally presented to the Synod by Rev. W. Hoppe, D.D., and received as advisory members by a rising vote. The President of Synod expressed cordial greetings to these delegates, and they were invited to address the Synod.

Revs. E. K. Bell, D.D., Frank P. Manhart, D.D., J. G. Traver, D.D., and H. Dysinger, D.D., LL.D., addressed the Synod, followed by Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., in behalf of the United Synod, and in favor of the proposed merger of the three general bodies.

Pending these addresses, the Synod adjourned to resume the pending program at 7:30 p. m. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D.

At 7:30 p. m., Vesper Services, led by Rev. F. B. Clausen, with an address by Rev. J. Henry Harms, D. D., on "Effect of the Ref-

ormation in the Quickening of the Human Conscience." "On Leadership as an Element of Success in the Reformation Movement," Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D.

SECOND SESSION.

Wednesday, November 7, 1917, 9 A. M.

The Synod convened, and the opening services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D.

Rev. R. L. Fritz, presented the report of the Committee on the President's Statement. The report was received and adopted.

No. 6.

Report of Committee on President's Statement.

We judge the statement adequate to the purposes of this meeting and its positions correct, and recommend the following:

1. That the action of the President in appointing a committee to represent the United Synod in the preparation of "a constitution for the United Church," and the action of said committee in the performance of this duty be approved and ratified.
2. That the happy arrangements and splendid program for the celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation be approved with most hearty thanks.
3. That the President's interpretation of the character, power and purposes of this meeting be approved and ratified.
4. That we do hereby express our appreciation of and thanks for the timely and eminent services of the Joint Quadricentennial Committee and of our President and the Committee on Constitution in promoting the actual work of consolidating the three great general Lutheran bodies in question.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. FRITZ,
H. A. McCULLOUGH,
GEO. S. BOWERS,
H. E. DREESON,
JOHN A. CLINE,

The Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D.D., the President of the General Synod, was introduced. He addressed the Synod, to which the President, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., responded.

The Commissioners of the General Synod and the General Council were invited to seats on the pulpit platform, also the Rev. Hellwig Larsen, Provost from the Virgin Islands.

The following then made addresses: Revs. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., H. A. Weller, D.D., A. Steimle, W. D. C. Keiter, D.D., E. E. Krause, D.D., Prof. R. C. Horn, Ph.D., Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., and Rev. Hellwig Larsen, who gave a sketch of his work in the Virgin Islands.

Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D.D., was then called upon by our President to extend greetings to the Commissioners.

Rev. J. M. Bittle was introduced to the Synod, also Rev. H. L. Garges, D.D., and Rev. C. E. Gardner, D.D.

Synod then adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m. Prayer by the Rev. J. Henry Harms, D.D.

THIRD SESSION.

Wednesday, November 7, 1917, 2:30 P. M.

The Synod reassembled and devotional services were conducted by the Rev R. L. Fritz, D.D.

Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., Superintendent of the Slav Mission work of the General Council, presented the claims of his mission.

Mr. Harry Hodges, representing the work of the Luther League, addressed the Synod, emphasizing the importance of this arm of service.

The Rev. E. K. Bell, D.D., made an address on "The Mission and Opportunity of Lutheran Church in the United States."

The following Committee on Resolutions was appointed: Revs. J. C. Seegers, D.D., J. H. Harms, D.D, Geo. S. Bowers, D.D., and Messrs. J. D. Cappelmann and John A. Cline.

The Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., made the report of the Committee on Mode of Procedure, which was considered and adopted by items unanimously.

The President appointed Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D.D., to lead the Synod in prayer, after which the report was adopted as a whole by a rising vote.

No. 7 and 7-A.

Report of the Committee on Mode of Procedure.

Your Committee, appointed to recommend a Mode of Procedure in regard to the proposed Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America, begs leave to submit the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, The entrance of the United Synod into the formation of a new general body to be known as The United Lutheran Church in America requires a form of action for which the Constitution

of the United Synod makes no provision; in order to conform to the spirit of the Constitution, therefore, be it resolved,

1. That the mode of procedure be regulated by the provision in the Constitution on Amendments, as contained in Article VIII, but as adapted to the momentous decision now before the United Synod.

2. That the United Synod hereby approves of the proposed Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America, and authorizes it to be submitted to the District Synods with the recommendation that it be ratified by them without alteration at their next conventions, with one exception hereafter provided for; and that it be printed in the minutes of this Convention.

3. That, if at the next biennial Convention of the United Synod it shall appear that two-thirds of the District Synods have ratified the said proposed Constitution, it shall be declared adopted.

4. That the following resolution, which was adopted by the General Synod and by the General Council, also be hereby adopted by this body, to wit:

"Resolved, That in order to effect the union in accordance with legal requirements, to avoid possible confusion and without destroying in the least the nature and provisions of this Constitution, the following be inserted: 'Article V. Delegates' at the conclusion of the first sentence, following the words 'and one lay delegate,' viz.:

and provided further, that the delegates elected by the synods to the last conventions of the general bodies to which they respectively belong held prior to the first convention hereunder, shall be and they are in the adoption hereof chosen by their respective Synods as their duly elected delegates to the first said convention hereunder, irrespective of the basis of representation upon which they were chosen."

5. That, as soon as it shall appear that the proposed Constitution has been ratified by a sufficient number of the District Synods of the General Synod, of the General Council and of the United Synod to assure its adoption by these bodies, then the biennial Convention of the United Synod shall be arranged for to transact its necessary business and for the purpose of merging into The United Lutheran Church in America at a time and at a place convenient to enable its delegates to meet with the delegates of the General Synod and the General Council in the first convention of the new body on or about the 12th of November, 1918.

6. That the President of the United Synod shall appoint a Committee of five, of which the President shall be an *ex officio* member, as a Committee of Ways and Means in effecting the proposed union in the event that the Constitution be ratified, or as a Con-

tinuation Committee, in case it be not ratified. The duties of this Committee shall be—

(1) To safeguard the legality of all steps taken in formation of the union and, if necessary, to employ legal counsel;

(2) To be the arbiters to whom all questions shall be referred.

(3) To form with similar committees appointed by the General Synod and the General Council a Joint Committee on Ways and Means, to which must be referred the agreements between the several boards and societies for final decision, and which shall arrange and perfect all the details incident to the formation of the union and the holding of the first convention.

7. That the Boards and other agencies of the United Synod, whose consolidation with similar Boards and agencies in the other bodies is contemplated in this union, shall, upon the ratification of the proposed Constitution, proceed to effect such consolidation, subject to the approval of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, on such terms and in such manner that the respective interests which they hold in trust shall receive equitable consideration. Until these interests shall have been transferred to the direction of The United Lutheran Church in America, these Boards and agencies shall continue to carry on their usual work without interruption.

8. That we recommend to the United Lutheran Church of America, about to be organized, that it seek to establish fraternal relations with other Lutheran bodies, with the view to the ultimate unification of all Lutherans on this continent.

9. In view of the prospective consolidation of the three General Bodies, each District Synod of the United Synod, at its next meeting, is requested to perpetuate its interest and ownership in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., the Orphan Home at Salem, Va., and the Lowman Home at White Rock, S. C., now owned and controlled by the United Synod, by electing the number of Trustees hereinafter apportioned to it, to compose Boards of Trustees, to whom shall be committed the control and management of said institutions, and to whom shall be conveyed by the United Synod or its agents before consolidation, the several related properties, by deeds, containing such limitations and trusts as to secure the preservation and titles of said properties for and to the said District Synods, for the use and purposes for which they were originally created.

FOR THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT COLUMBIA, S. C.

The South Carolina Synod five Trustees.
The North Carolina Synod three Trustees.

The Tennessee Synod three Trustees.
The Georgia Synod two Trustees.
The Virginia Synod one Trustee.
The Synod of S. W. Virginia one Trustee.
The Mississippi Synod one Trustee.
The Holston Synod one Trustee.

For the Orphan Home at Salem, Va.

The South Carolina Synod one Trustee.
The North Carolina Synod three Trustees.
The Tennessee Synod four Trustees.
The Georgia Synod one Trustee.
The Virginia Synod six Trustees.
The Synod of S. W. Virginia eight Trustees.
The Mississippi Synod one Trustee.
The Holston Synod one Trustee.

For the Lowman Home at White Rock, S. C.

The South Carolina Synod three Trustees.
The North Carolina Synod one Trustee.
The Tennessee Synod one Trustee.
The Georgia Synod one Trustee.
The Virginia Synod one Trustee.
The Synod of S. W. Virginia one Trustee.
The Mississippi Synod one Trustee.
The Holston Synod one Trustee.

10. That a committee of seven be appointed, which is hereby instructed to see that the proposed Constitution and the resolutions of this body thereon come before the District Synods, and to have the said resolutions printed for the purpose. Futhermore, that it be authorized and instructed to take all necessary steps to make effective the plans and purposes set forth in the ninth resolution of this report, and that it be empowered to employ legal counsel. And also that it be instructed to devise and execute a plan to provide the necessary funds to defray the expenses incurred in its work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT,
W. HOPPE,
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Constitution for the Proposed United Lutheran Church in America.

At a meeting in Philadelphia, April 18, 1917, of the Joint Committee on the Celebration of the Quadricentennial of the Reformation, it was resolved that the organic union of the three affiliated Lutheran bodies, the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South, would be the fittest commemoration of the Reformation. In accordance with this sentiment the presidents of these bodies, being present, were requested to form a Joint Committee of ministers and laymen which should prepare a Constitution for a united Church and present the same to the General Bodies for their consideration and if approved for submission to the district Synods. The Committee was formed and has prepared the Constitution which is herewith offered.

It is not claimed that this work has been done by direct authority of the General bodies, but as they have long cooperated and have earnestly sought closer relations it is hoped that this Constitution will receive favorable consideration.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.

PREAMBLE.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Having been called by the Gospel and made partakers of the grace of God, and, by faith, members of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and, through Him, of one another,

We, members of Evangelical Lutheran congregations in America, associated in Evangelical Lutheran Synods, recognizing our duty as people of God to make the inner unity which we have with one another manifest in the common confession, defense and maintenance of our faith, and in united efforts for the extension of the Kingdom of God at home and abroad; realizing the vastness of the field that God has assigned us for our labors in this Western world, and the greatness of the resources within our beloved Church which are only feebly employed for this purpose; conscious of our need of mutual assistance and encouragement; and relying upon the promise of the divine Word that He who hath begun this work will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus,

Hereby unite, and now invite and until such end be attained continue to invite all Evangelical Lutheran congregations and synods in America, one with us in the faith, to unite with us, upon

the terms of this Constitution, in one general organization, to be known as The United Lutheran Church in America.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. NAME.

The name and title of the body organized under this Constitution shall be The United Lutheran Church in America.

ARTICLE II. DOCTRINAL BASIS.

Section 1. The United Lutheran Church in America receives and holds the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice, according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged.

Section 2. The United Lutheran Church in America accepts the three ecumenical creeds: namely, the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian, as important testimonies drawn from the Holy Scriptures, and rejects all errors which they condemn.

Section 3. The United Lutheran Church in America receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded upon the Word of God; and acknowledges all churches that sincerely hold and faithfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be entitled to the name of Evangelical Lutheran.

Section 4. The United Lutheran Church in America recognizes the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the Large and Small Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, as in the harmony of one and the same pure Scriptural faith.

ARTICLE III. PRINCIPLES OF ORGANIZATION.

In acordance with the foregoing Doctrinal Basis, The United Lutheran Church in America sets forth and declares the following principles as fundamental to its organization:

Section 1. All power in the Church belongs primarily and exclusively to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church. This power is not delegated to any man or body of men.

Section 2. All just power exercised by the Church has been committed to her for the furtherance of the Gospel through the Word and Sacraments, and is conditioned by this end and pertains to her as the servant of Jesus Christ. The Church, therefore, has no power to bind the conscience except as she teaches what her Lord teaches and faithfully commands what He has charged her to command.

Section 3. Congregations are the primary bodies through which power committed by Christ to the Church is normally exercised.

Section 4. In addition to the pastors of churches, who are *ex officio* representatives of their congregations the people have the right to choose representatives from their own number to act for them under such constitutional limitations as the congregations may approve.

Section 5. The representatives of congregations convened in Synod and acting in accordance with their Constitution are, for the ends defined in it representatively the congregations themselves, and have the right to call and set apart ministers for the common work of all the congregations, whose representatives they thereby become, and as such also members of the Synod.

Section 6. Congregations representatively constituting the various Synods may elect delegates through those Synods to represent them in a general body, all decisions of which, when made in accordance with the Constitution, bind so far as the terms of mutual agreement make them binding, those congregations and Synods which consent to be represented in the general body.

Section 7. In the formation and administration of a general body, the Synods may know and deal with each other only as Synods. In all such cases, the official record is to be accepted as evidence of the doctrinal position of each Synod and of the principles for which alone the other Synods are responsible by connection with it.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. The United Lutheran Church in America at its organization shall consist of the congregations that compose the Evangelical Lutheran Synods which have been in connection with the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, the General Council of the Lutheran Church in North America, or the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, and which accept this Constitution with its Doctrinal Basis as set forth in Article II.

Section 2. Any Evangelical Lutheran Synod applying for admission which has accepted this Constitution with its Doctrinal Basis as set forth in Article II, and whose Constitution has been approved by the Executive Board, may be received into membership by a majority vote at any regular Convention.

ARTICLE V. DELEGATES.

Section 1. Each Synod connected with The United Lutheran Church in America shall be entitled to representation at its Con-

ventions by one ordained minister and one layman for every ten pastoral charges, or major fraction thereof, on its roll; provided, however, that each Synod shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and one lay delegate: and provided further, that the delegates elected by the Synods to the last conventions of the general bodies to which they respectively belong held prior to the first convention hereunder, shall be and they are in the adoption hereof chosen by their respective Synods as their duly elected delegates to said first convention hereunder, irrespective of the basis of representation upon which they are chosen. The ratio of representation may be changed at any regular Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America by a two-thirds vote, provided that notice of the proposed change has been given at the preceding regular Convention.

Section 2. Each Synod shall choose its delegates in such manner as it may deem proper. The delegates from each Synod shall elect one of their own number as chairman unless the Synod itself has designated the chairman.

ARTICLE VI. OBJECTS.

The objects of The United Lutheran Church in America are:

Section 1. To preserve and extend the pure teaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the sacraments. (Eph. 4:5, 6: The Augsburg Confession, Article VII.)

Section 2. To conserve the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4:3-16; I Cor. 1:10), to guard against any departure therefrom (Rom. 16-17), and to strengthen the Church in faith and confession.

Section 3. To express outwardly the spiritual unity of Lutheran congregations and synods, to cultivate co-operation among all Lutherans in the promotion of the general interests of the Church, to seek the unification of all Lutherans in one orthodox faith, and thus to develop and unfold the specific Lutheran principle and practice and make their strength effective.

Section 4. To awaken, co-ordinate and effectively direct the energies of the Church in such operations as the following:

(a). The training of ministers and teachers to be witnesses of the Word.

(b). The extension of the kingdom of God by Home, Foreign and Inner Missions.

(c). The proper regulation of the human externals of worship, that the same, in character and administration, may be in keeping with the New Testament and the liberty of the Church, and may edify the Body of Christ.

(d). The appointment of editorial committees or editors of Church papers and Sunday School literature.

(e). The preparation and publication of such literature as shall promote the dissemination of knowledge as to the doctrines, practice, progress and needs of the Lutheran Church.

(f). The creation, organization and development, through Boards and Committees, of agencies to carry on all departments of work.

Section 5. To lay apportionments, and to solicit and disburse the funds necessary for these and other purposes defined in this Constitution.

Section 6. To foster and develop the work of Synods, to exercise a general supervision of the Church, and on appeal of Synods to give counsel and to adjudicate questions of doctrine, worship and discipline.

Section 7. To enter into relations with other bodies in the unity of the faith and to exchange official delegates with them.

ARTICLE VII. CONVENTIONS.

Section 1. A Convention of the duly elected delegates of The United Lutheran Church in America shall be held at least once in every two years, at such time and place as may be determined by the preceding Convention of the body, or by the Executive Board.

Section 2. Special Conventions shall be called by the officers at the request of two-thirds of the members of the Executive Board, or at the request of the presidents of a majority of the Synods. The delegates shall be those who represented the Synods at the previous regular Convention, provided they have not been disqualified by removal or by the election of new delegates. Vacancies in delegations shall be filled according to the rules of the respective Synods.

Section 3. A majority of the delegates, representing a majority of the Synods, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII. POWERS.

Section 1. *As to External Relations.* The United Lutheran Church in America shall have power to form and dissolve relations with other general bodies, organizations and movements. To secure uniform and consistent practice no Synod, Conference or Board, or any official representative thereof, shall have power of independent affiliation with general organizations and movements.

Section 2. *As to Internal Relations.* The United Lutheran Church in America shall have power to deal with internal matters that affect all its constituent Synods or the activities of The United Lutheran Church as a whole, except that when the operation of such power takes place within the domain of any of the Synods their consent and cooperation must first be secured.

Section 3. *As to Intersynodical Dealings.* The United Lutheran Church in America shall have power to address and counsel its constituent Synods for the promotion of intersynodical harmony. Any question of interpretation of law, rights or principle, that comes within its jurisdiction, or any proper cases referred to it on appeal of a Synod, shall be determined by a Commission of Adjudication hereinafter provided for.

Section 4. *As to Individual Synods and Specific Cases.* If Synods have had due and legal opportunity to be represented in the Conventions of The United Lutheran Church in America, they are bound by all resolutions that have been passed in accordance with this Constitution. But each Synod retains every power, right and jurisdiction in its own internal affairs not expressly delegated to The United Lutheran Church in America.

Section 5. *As to Doctrine and Conscience.* All matters of doctrine and conscience shall be decided according to the Word of God alone. If, on grounds of doctrine or conscience, the question be raised as to the binding character of any action, the said question shall be referred to the Commission of Adjudication. Under no circumstances shall the right of a minority be disregarded or the right to record an individual protest on the ground of conscience be refused.

Section 6. *As to the Maintenance of Principle and Practice.* The United Lutheran Church in America shall protect and enforce its Doctrinal Basis, secure pure preaching of the Word of God and the right administration of the sacraments in all of its Synods and congregations. It shall also have the right, where it deems that loyalty to the Word of God requires it, to advise and admonish concerning association and affiliation with non-ecclesiastical and other organizations whose principles or practices appear to be inconsistent with full loyalty to the Christian Church, but the Synods alone shall have the power of discipline.

Section 7. *As to Books of Devotion and Instruction, etc.* The United Lutheran Church in America shall provide books of devotion and instruction, such as Liturgies, Hymn Books and Catechisms, and no Synod without its sanction shall publish or recommend books of this kind other than those provided by the general body.

Section 8. *As to Work and Administration.* The United Lutheran Church in America shall have the power to engage in the work described under "Objects" (see Article VI), to create and regulate Boards and Committees, to determine budgets, and to lay apportionments.

Section 9. The executive power of The United Lutheran Church in America shall be vested in the officers of the general body, in an

Executive Board, and in various other Boards for special purposes, subject to this Constitution and the Conventions of the general body.

ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of the United Lutheran Church in America shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at each regular Convention and shall serve until their successors are elected. The President, who shall be an ordained minister, and the Secretary shall be chosen from the delegates present.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all sessions of the Convention, shall have the appointment of committees, unless The United Lutheran Church otherwise direct; shall see that the Constitution be observed and resolutions carried out; shall sign all official papers, and shall discharge such other duties as are delegated to him by the Convention.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attest all documents of the body, and publish the time and place of the next meeting at least two months in advance. In case of a special meeting he shall give a written notice thereof to the President of each of the Synods immediately upon the issue of the call, and shall publish the same at least thirty days in advance of the meeting.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys, and keep an account of all his transactions and submit a report of the same at each regular Convention. He shall make disbursements only upon the order of the President, attested by the Secretary. He shall be required to give corporate surety in such amount as shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 5. In the event of the death, resignation or incapacity of any officer, in the interim between Conventions, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE X. INCORPORATION.

The United Lutheran Church in America shall be incorporated.

ARTICLE XI. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Section 1. The Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America, which shall also be its Board of Trustees, shall consist of the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of the general body, who shall also be the officers of the Executive Board, together with six ministerial and six lay members who shall be elected by the general body for a term of four years.

Section 2. At the first election three ministerial and three lay members shall be elected to serve four years, and three ministerial and three lay members to serve two years. Thereafter three ministerial and three lay members shall be elected at each regular Convention to serve four years.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall meet at stated times. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to represent The United Lutheran Church in America and to carry out its resolutions and attend to its business during the interim; it shall coordinate the work of the executive departments, receive reports as to the work and needs of the several Boards, present a budget to the Conventions with apportionments, fill vacancies not otherwise provided for, and perform such other work as may be delegated to it by the general body, to which it shall make full report of its acts.

ARTICLE XII. COMMISSION OF ADJUDICATION.

Section 1. A Commission of Adjudication shall be established to which shall be referred, for interpretation and decision, all disputed questions of doctrine and practice, and this Commission shall constitute a court for the decision of all questions of principle or action arising within The United Lutheran Church in America, and which have been properly referred to it by resolution or by appeal of any of the Synods.

Section 2. This Commission of Adjudication shall consist of nine members, six ministers and three laymen, learned in the doctrine, the law and the practice of the Church. All of the members of this Commission shall be elected at the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, two ministers and one layman for a period of six years, two ministers and one layman for a period of four years. As their terms expire their successors shall be elected at each Convention for a term of six years.

Section 3. The Commission shall elect its own officers, and shall meet at least semi-annually for the transaction of business. When it holds meetings, or renders decisions, due notice of the time and place of meeting shall be given by its secretary to all persons interested, and a standing notice of the time and place of its regular meetings shall be published in the Church papers.

Section 4. The consent of at least six members shall always be necessary for a decision.

Section 5. The Commission shall render a written report of all its actions and decisions to the next regular Convention, but the right of appeal from its decisions shall always be recognized.

ARTICLE XIII. BOARDS.

Section 1. The United Lutheran Church in America shall determine the number of members in the several Boards which it shall create, and these Boards shall always be amenable to it.

Section 2. All members of Boards shall be elected by The United Lutheran Church in America. Vacancies occurring in any Board ad interim shall be filled by the Executive Board of the Church on nomination of the Board in which the vacancy exists. No person shall be a member of more than two boards at one and the same time. No member of any Board, including the Executive Board, shall be a member of the Commission of Adjudication; but the President of The United Lutheran Church shall at all times have a seat and a voice in all the Boards and in the Commission of Adjudication.

Section 3. These Boards, upon the determination of the general body, shall secure articles of incorporation which must be in harmony with the purposes of The United Lutheran Church in America, but no Board shall apply for incorporation until its proposed charter shall have received the approval of the general body in Convention, or, in the interim, of the Executive Board.

Section 4. The Boards, unless otherwise provided, shall have power to elect their own officers and employees, and to carry on their work in accordance with the design of their appointment. No member of a Board shall be a salaried employee thereof.

Section 5. The Boards shall require corporate surety for their respective treasurers. At each regular Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America they shall render full and accurate reports of their work during the preceding biennium.

Section 6. The Woman's Missionary Society, as auxiliary to Boards of The United Lutheran Church in America, shall have the right to appoint two women as advisory members of each of the missionary and benevolent Boards to the support of whose work they regularly or officially contribute.

ARTICLE XIV. SYNODS.

Section 1. No Synod in connection with The United Lutheran Church in America shall alter its geographical boundaries without the permission of the general body.

Section 2. Synods shall give advice to their ministers and congregations concerning doctrine, life and administration, and shall exercise such disciplinary measures as may be necessary.

Section 3. The Presidents of Synods shall exercise an oversight of the pastors and congregations composing their respective Synods, and shall be charged with the duty of carrying out the rules and regulations adopted by the synods. When requested by the Ex-

ecutive Board they shall appear before it to represent their Synods. They may also make suggestions to the Executive Board or seek its advice with respect to the conditions and work in their Synods.

Section 4. Should any Synod in connection with The United Lutheran Church in America desire to continue its established lines of work for reasons satisfactory to the general body, such privilege may be granted.

ARTICLE XV. COMMITTEES, BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. The United Lutheran Church in America may appoint special and standing committees. It may adopt By-Laws for the transaction of its business, provided that they do not conflict with this Constitution. These By-Laws may be suspended or amended at any Convention by a two-thirds vote.

Section 2. Amendments to this Constitution must be presented in writing at a regular Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, which shall decide by a two-thirds vote whether and in what form they shall be submitted to the Synods. An exact copy of proposed amendments shall be transmitted by the Secretary to the Presidents of the Synods for submission to their respective bodies. If at a subsequent Convention two-thirds of the Synods shall report their approval of the amendments proposed they shall be declared adopted.

With deep fervor and profound gratitude, the Synod then sang, "Now Thank We All our God."

The following committee was appointed to have the action of Synod on Merger of the three General Bodies printed and to report our action to all our District Synods, as provided for in item 10: The Revs. W. Hoppe, D.D., H. A. McCullough, D.D., C. K. Hunton, F. B. Clausen, and Messrs. W. T. Stauffer, J. A. Cline and D. F. Efird.

The Synod then adjourned with prayer by the Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D. D., to be reconvened at 9 a. m. tomorrow.

Vespers at 7:30 p. m., led by the Rev. W. Hoppe, D.D.

Address by the Rev. L. A. Fox, D.D., LL.D., on "The Effect of the Reformation in the Sphere of Education."

Social hour, the Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., D.D., pastor, presiding.

FOURTH SESSION.

Thursday, November 8, 1917, 9:30 a. m.

The opening service was conducted by the Rev. E. A. Repass, Ph.D.

The Rev. S. P. Daugherty, D.D., the Secretary of the General Synod, then addressed the Synod, by request of our President, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D.

On motion, the business of the Synod was taken up.

Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D., made a brief statement on the new Book of Worship.

The Committee on Letters reported. Report considered and adopted.

No 8.

Report of Committee on Letters.

Your Committee on Letters beg to submit the following:

1. We have in hand letters and telegrams submitted by the President, in which the United Synod is asked to cooperate with other Lutheran bodies in special religious work in connection with "The National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare." Some of the functions of this Commission, as reported to us, are: To co-ordinate the work of Lutheran Associations already active in this cause, to inaugurate new work when the need demands it, to collect and disburse funds for the promotion of this work, and to secure proper candidates for appointment to chaplaincies to the Army and Navy of the United States.

We recommend the appointment of three persons from this body, two ministers and one layman, as members of that Commission.

2. A communication has been addressed to the United Synod from "The Merchants' Association of New York," inviting this body to hold its next Convention in that city. We recommend that this matter be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, with power to act.

3. Through a Commission appointed for that purpose, the General Synod invites the United Synod to cooperate with it and the General Council in the future management and development of the mission work in Latin America, inaugurated by the Pan-Lutheran Missionary Society, which has announced its readiness to give the management over into the conjoint hands of the three general bodies. This body is asked to appoint a special Commission of two ministers and two laymen to cooperate in this enterprise. We recommend that this work be heartily endorsed, and that the invitation be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES K. BELL,
C. A. FREED,
W. C. SCHAEFFER, JR.,
B. S. BROWN,
J. W. JENNY,
W. T. STAUFFER,
H. L. BONHAM.

Special Committees.

The following committees were appointed:

1. *The National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers and Sailors*—Revs. Geo. S. Bowers, D.D., I. D. Worman, and Dr. C. O. Miller.

2. *On Ways and Means*—Revs. J. A. Morehead, D.D., C. A. Freed, D.D., A. R. Beck, and Hon. C. M. Efird, M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., ex officio.

The Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D. D., addressed the Synod on the question of a Conference on Federation, which was favorably received.

Rev. E. C. Cronk, D.D., made a brief statement as to the proposed Laymen's Missionary Convention to be held in Augusta, Ga., March 12-14, 1918.

The Rev. A. D. R. Hancher then spoke on "The Reformation and the Work of Home Missions."

The Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., spoke on, "The Reformation and Foreign Missions."

The Committee on Resolutions reported. Report considered and adopted.

No. 9.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That we are deeply sensible of and devoutly grateful for the guidance of God in the deliberations and decisions and oneness of purpose which have characterized this meeting of our United Synod.

Resolved, That we realize the wonderful opportunities which are open to us as a Lutheran Church in this country and that we lay upon the hearts and conscience of our people the necessity of deeper devotion, more earnest prayer, larger liberality and greater sacrifice that our obligations may be met and our possibilities achieved.

Resolved, That in view of the suffering and sorrow, the pain and anxiety entailed upon the world through the present world crisis, we call upon our people to prostrate themselves in deep humility and sincere repentance before the throne of grace pleading the pardon of our sins and craving heaven's gracious favor;

That the harmful power of the enemy may be restrained;

That God would succor His suffering people;

That the present war may speedily end, and that an enduring peace and true and lasting concord be given to all nations;

That God may guide and direct our President and all those associated with him in an administrative capacity;

That we commend our Army and Navy to the guardian care and loving protection of the Lord of Hosts;

That we pray to Almighty God, the Lord of nations, "that out of the cataclysm of these troublous days of material and military preparation the Church of the living God may lead this and other nations back to a realizing sense of God's power, justice and love."

Resolved, That we go on record as being true and loyal citizens ready and willing to support all those in authority in this time of national calamity.

Resolved, That we will cooperate with our brethren in the effort being made adequately to supply the means by which our boys in the training camps will be given the ministrations which will protect them from evil and enrich their faith.

Resolved, That we recommend the organization of Luther Leagues in all our congregations, that our youth may b the better trained for effective service and usefulness in the Church.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of this body be authorized and directed to lay upon the District Synods an apportionment of five cents per member to meet the needs of the Quadricentennial Committee and the effecting of the merger. That these funds be collected and remitted to the Treasurer of this body, and he is hereby directed to disburse the same upon the order of the chairman of the Executive Committee.

Resolved, That we express to the pastor, officers, members and friends of this historic congregation our keen appreciation of the very delightful and thoughtful entertainment given us during our presence here, and we pray that God will continue to establish the labors of their hands;

That our thanks are due and are hereby given to the press of the city for favors bestowed;

That our grateful acknowledgment be given to all who have made our stay so pleasant and enjoyable.

JNO. C. SEEGERS,
J. H. HARMS,
JNO. D. CAPPELMANN.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the Secretary $25 for his services at this Convention of Synod, and $3.50 for stationery and postage.

On motion, the janitor of this church is to be paid $5 for services.

The Rev. C. K. Hunton asked to be relieved from further service on the Special Committee. His request was granted, and the Rev. J. L. Sieber was appointed in his place.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have 1,000 copies of the Minutes of this Quadricentennial Convention printed for distribution.

The Synod adjourned, to again assemble at 2:30 p. m.

Prayer by the Rev. F. B. Clausen.

FIFTH SESSION.

Thursday, November 8, 1917, 2:30 P. M.

Synod convened and the devotional service was conducted by the Rev. A. R. Beck.

On motion, Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D., being absent, his address was omitted.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., addressed the Synod on, "What Twentieth Century Protestantism Inherits from Sixteenth Century Devotion to Truth."

"The Protestant Reformation and the Democratic Spirit" was discussed by Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D.

On motion, the afternoon session adjourned, the Synod to be adjourned after the services tonight, the usual closing form having been used.

Vesper services at 7 p. m. were conducted by Rev. W. C. Davis.

Address, "The General Council's Contribution Toward the United Lutheran Church of America," Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D.

The Synod was then declared adjourned by the President, the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct and faithful record of the Quadricentennial Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, held in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Salisbury, N. C., November 6-8, 1917.

S. T. HALLMAN, Secretary.

Spartanburg, S. C.

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